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STABBED TO DEATH.

Actor Terriss Killed at the Adelphi Theater.

ASSASSIN SAID TO BE AN OLD SUPER.

When Searched at Bow Street Station the Fatal Knife Is Found on the Murderer—Sketch of the Deceased's Career.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—William Terriss, the well known actor, was assassinated, being stabbed with a knife, last night. The assassin had the appearance of a foreigner and wore a long cloak.

Terriss fell shouting, "My God, he's stabbed me! Don't let him escape!"

The assassin withdrew the dagger and made a second lunge at his victim, but he was seized by the spectators, of whom there is always a crowd about the stage entrance to witness the arrival of actors.

Terriss was stabbed as he was entering the Adelphi theater for the performance of "Secret Service," in which he was playing. The assassin rushed at the actor as Terriss was stepping across the pavement from his cab and stabbed him just below the heart. The wounded man was carried into the theater and placed on the landing of the stairway, just inside the theater, where he lay groaning loudly. Once or twice he feebly attempted to speak, but it was impossible. He quickly succumbed while surrounded by the theater staff, including Miss Millward.

The murderer was taken to Bow street police station, followed by an angry crowd. His name was given as Archer. It is said that he had been a "super" at the Adelphi theater several years ago, and for some days past he had haunted the theater. The motive for the crime is not yet known.

A large audience had already assembled for the evening performance, and the manager came to the footlights and announced that as Mr. Terriss had met with an accident no performance would be given.

It appears that the assassin Wednesday evening asked the keeper of the ordinary stage entrance as to the whereabouts of Mr. Terriss, and his behavior was then so obnoxious that Harry Nicholls, one of the principal colleagues of Mr. Terriss, was obliged to remonstrate and to order him to leave the premises.

The scenes along the Strand at the hour when the theaters closed last evening were remarkable. By that time the special editions of the evening papers were out, and the newsboys were shouting around the theater exits that Mr. Terriss had been murdered. At first the people refused to place any credence in the report, believing such an event impossible, but when they found it was true horror and indignation were painted on every face.

When Archer, the murderer, arrived at the police station, he still had the weapon, apparently a big butcher's knife, concealed beneath his inverness cape. On being charged with murder, he is reported to have replied, "He's done me out of the benevolent fund, and I am out of it for life."

The understudy of the deceased actor tells a curious story of how he learned the night before that he saw Mr. Terriss lying on a landing surrounded by a crowd.

The late William Terriss was born in London Oct. 18, 1851, and was consequently in his 47th year. He came of an excellent family. His father was a Kentish country gentleman and his mother a sister of the celebrated historian of Greece, the late George Grote, closely allied to the Earl of Zetland. Terriss was a nom de theatre, the real name of the deceased being William Lewin.

When a mere boy of 13 he entered the royal English navy as a midshipman, but the discipline of the service proved too much of a restraint, and he forsook the navy for the mercantile marine. Sailing for Australia, he there followed many vocations successfully, was an engineer, a bank clerk, an employee on the Stock Exchange, and in tobacco and wine houses. During this period he was a sort of jack of all trades.

His restless spirit still demanded further change, and he sailed for Calcutta with the intention of joining his elder brother, Colonel Lewin, in tea planting. It proved an eventful voyage, for the ship was wrecked in a cyclone at the mouth of the river Hoogly and all but four of the ship's company were lost. Terriss saved his life by swimming, and his adroitness in the natatorial art often stood him in good stead and won him two decorations for saving life at sea. Among his most highly prized treasures was the medal of the Royal Humane society.

After six months of tea planting in the jungles of Assam he returned to England. His patrimony was exhausted and his future very uncertain. But with characteristic intrepidity he made up his mind to follow a profession and tossed up a coin to decide whether he would be a physician or an actor. An actor it was. His first full fledged engagement was in the city of Birmingham, where he appeared in a subordinate part in the company of Mme. Celeste; but he soon sought recognition in London, and his coolness and courage secured him an engagement with Mr. (now Sir Squire) Bancroft, who installed him with the role of Lord Clanrags in "Society."

After playing two years he went to the Falkland islands to engage in sheep ...g. This proved a failure, and he ...d to the stage in London. Later ... abandoned dramatic work and ...e breeding in Kentucky. He ...n this new venture and ...o England in the steer... Again he became an ...e appeared with Sir ... it was during the ...ican tour that Mr. Terriss was seen on the American stage. Of late he had acted only at the Adelphi, where he became the idol of the pit and endeared himself to the great mass of London playgoers by his sterling qualities as actor and man.

JILTED, HE DIES.

Tragic Death of a Well Known New York Society Man.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Beverly Ward, Jr., one of New York's best known young society men, died suddenly of poison at the Baltusrol Golf clubhouse, at Short Hills, N. J. It is said he suicided because of the fact that a young woman to whom he was very attentive had become engaged to another.

The young woman for whom Mr. Ward is said to have died is Miss Elizabeth C. Stokes, the second daughter of Mr. Thomas Stokes of 8 West Fifty-third street.

Mr. Ward had been very attentive to Miss Stokes for some time. They had been seen frequently together, and it was expected that their engagement would be announced shortly.

Last Monday the engagement of Miss Stokes to Mr. Jules J. Vatable was announced, and with it came the statement that the marriage would take place in the early spring.

Miss Stokes was greatly shocked when she learned of Mr. Ward's death. She said: "I had known Mr. Ward a long time. We were very good friends, but nothing more. I cannot say anything further than this. We were never engaged to be married."

WANTED CZAR KILLED.

Russian Arrested at the British Museum For Urging the Crime.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A Russian who gave the name of Woodref was remanded at the Bow street police court until next Wednesday, charged with issuing a publication inciting the assassination of the czar.

Detective Melville testified to the effect that he arrested the man at the British museum for endeavoring to persuade several persons on various occasions to assassinate the czar.

Later it developed that the name of the prisoner was Vladimir Bourtzeff. Copies of The Naro do Voletz (The Will of the People), in which incriminating articles were published, were found on him, as was also a letter, in Russian, from America, addressed to the prisoner as editor of The Naro do Voletz.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The peace treaty has been ratified by Greece.

Three were killed and four injured in a collision near Clinton, Ind.

Prince Henry of Prussia left Kiel on the German cruiser Gefion, bound for China.

The cry of an awakened baby in St. Louis saved eight persons from death by fire.

Eugene Ruffy has been elected president of Switzerland by the federal assembly.

Immense preparations have been made to send food to the Klondike from San Francisco.

Missouri's attorney general has opened war on trust companies which do a banking business.

Purser Witbeck of the wrecked steamer Cleveland has arrived at Victoria, B. C. There is little doubt that the 22 missing men have been drowned.

Theodore Durrant, the San Francisco murderer, said in an interview that he believed help would still come to him and that he would never be hanged.

Met Death In Gas Explosion.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 17.—John J. Cooper, aged 22 years, was almost instantly killed last night by the explosion of the acetiline gas apparatus in the postoffice building. Cooper was in charge of the elevator, and was working at the gas generator, when the explosion occurred. The cause of the explosion is unknown. Cooper was the son of R. M. Cooper, the prohibition candidate for governor at the last election, and was to have been married next Thursday to Miss Eva Carey of Cheswold.

Confidential Clerk Arrested.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 17.—Louis Altman has been arrested on a charge of embezzling $15,000 from the firm of Charles Rosenheim & Co., wholesale china merchants, at 746 West Main street, for whom he was confidential clerk. Altman made a partial confession, which he afterward retracted. He is about 32 years old.

Philippine Isles Submissive.

MADRID, Dec. 17.—An extra number of The Gazette publishes dispatches received from Manila, capital of the Philippine islands, saying that the insurgent chief Aguinaldo has ordered all his followers to submit and that he and the entire insurgent government will be allowed to go to Hongkong.

Thief Gets Fifteen Years.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17.—Richard H. Johnson was sentenced in the supreme court to 15 years in the state prison for pocketbook snatching from Mrs. Carroll last September. Willard J. Gallagher was given ten years for robbing Joseph Coleman, whom he felled with a hammer.

Claims There Is No Destitution.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—At the interior department it is said that there is no destitution at Dawson at present. Major Walsh is doubtless at Fort Selkirk by this time and is therefore in touch with everything that is going on in that country, as it is a center point.

Date For G. A. R. Encampment.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—The date of the national encampment Grand Army of the Republic has been fixed for Sept. 5 to 10.

HELD BY ENGLAND?

Britain Said to Have Seized Clipperton Island.

MEXICO IS NOW INVESTIGATING.

The Mexican Herald Editorially Warns the United States That, if Caught Napping by Europe, Its Sea Power Will Be Destroyed.

CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 17.—Some time ago, when it was rumored that a British warship had seized Clipperton island, the local papers took the matter up, and there was some agitation over the reported forcible occupation of Mexican soil. The foreign relations department asked the war department to send an expedition to the island to investigate if the British really had taken possession. Four days ago the corvette El Democrata, Captain Teofolio Genesta, left Mazatlan for the island.

Should it prove true that the island which Mexico claims as belonging to her has been seized by the British, the matter will be taken up diplomatically for the purpose of recovering the territory. Mexico will formally request the restoration of the island.

No one here expects any serious difficulty over the matter, and there is as yet no definite official information in possession of the government regarding the alleged seizure of Clipperton. At the foreign relations department it is said that the object of the expedition was not warlike, but merely to ascertain the true condition of affairs. The same thing was said at the war department. There is no disquietude over the matter here.

The newspapers, however, are likely to make much of the seizure if it turns out to be a fact, for there is a sentiment among the people that England unjustly acquired Belize, or British Honduras, from this country.

The Mexican Herald, editorially, says: "European nations are looking forward to the time when by weakness of the great republic, champion of the Monroe doctrine, they may proceed under one pretext or another to carve up South and Central America. If the American people allow themselves to be beguiled into unpreparedness for war, they will assuredly be caught all unready by vigilant Europe and their sea power destroyed, whereupon Latin America will be seized as a fox does a fat capon."

The same paper remarks that the Diaz doctrine, which contemplates the eventual freeing of the new world from every trace of European control, is much broader than the Monroe doctrine and will become a principle of action in the twentieth century.

Norristown Mills Shut Down.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., Dec. 17.—Two executions aggregating $4,500 on judgments held by T. J. Keveney & Co. of New York were issued against James W. Barker, proprietor of the Norristown Carpet mills. The mills were consequently closed down, throwing 130 hands out of employment. Mr. Barker has been missing since Dec. 8, when he left home for a business trip to Washington. Not hearing from him, his relatives began an investigation. His sample trunks were found at Washington, but Mr. Barker had not reached there. His family believes that his mind became unbalanced through worry over financial troubles. Three mortgages on the mill aggregating $45,000 are held by Norristown parties.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The following named fourth class postmasters have been appointed: New York—Burlington Flats, Edward Mayne; Cooperstown Junction, Burdell Chase; East Bloomfield, Thomas W. Peeling; Elk Creek, Nettie B. Webster; Laurens, Austin S. Gray; Roseboom, William F. White; South Edmeston, Leon S. Page; South Valley, John M. Lovejoy; West Edmeston, Adolph M. Nichols. Pennsylvania—Strasburg, B. F. Brown. Vermont—Alburg, F. H. Howles; Andover, William A. Feltt; North Clarendon, Annie C. Kingsley.

Liquor Licenses Revoked.

LYNN, Mass., Dec. 17.—The license commissioners have revoked the liquor licenses of 10 out of the 11 hotels of this city on the ground of illegal selling of liquor. The Good Templars, on spotter evidence, protested these hotels, charging that each was violating its license by selling liquor on Sunday and was not victualing guests as required. The hearings were held, but the decision was delayed for two weeks until the election was settled.

Accident on the B. and O.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Train No. 2 of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern, from St. Louis, met with an accident at Iuka, Ills. The engine, postal car, baggage car and two coaches were derailed by a broken truck. The engineer and fireman were slightly scalded. Beyond this there was no injury whatever. This is the official report received by the officers of the road here.

Civil Service Examination.

ALBANY, Dec. 17.—The state civil service commission announces that it will hold an examination for merit on Dec. 29 for the positions of assistant secretaries in the state department of insurance. There are several appointments of this class to be made, and the positions pay from $1,200 to $1,500 per annum.

Man Burned to Death.

BATH, N. Y., Dec. 17. Albert Lewis, under arrest for an attempt at housebreaking, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the wooden lockup at Prattsburg. No one knows how the fire started, and it is thought Lewis may have done it in order to escape.

HOUSE ON SEALING.

Adopts the Measure Just Passed In the Senate.

MONEY VOTED FOR YUKON MINERS.

President Sends to Senate Many Nominations, Including Attorney General McKenna For Supreme Court Judge and Mr. Dawes For Comptroller.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The house passed a bill appropriating $175,000 for the relief of the people who are in the Yukon river country, and also the bill passed by the senate to prohibit pelagic sealing by American citizens.

The former bill encountered practically no opposition. As passed the sum carried by it is to be expended under the direction of the secretary of war for the purchase, transportation and distribution of subsistence stores. It provides that these subsistence stores may be sold at prices fixed by the secretary of war or donated where the people are unable to pay for them. It empowers him to purchase reindeer and employ drivers, not citizens of the United States, and afterward dispose of the reindeer.

The bill to prohibit pelagic sealing was warmly antagonized by Mr. Johnson of North Dakota, Mr. Loud of California, Mr. Hepburn and others, and in the course of the debate there were some exceedingly caustic criticisms of the course of our Bering sea negotiations, past and present. Mr. Johnson made the statement that while the seal herd had brought $70,000 into the treasury since 1870, $500,000 had been spent policing Bering sea and $2,000,000 in negotiations and other expenses.

The bill was passed by a vote of 148 to 78.

The house committee on immigration decided to make a favorable report on the educational test bill. This requires all immigrants on reaching here to be able to read or write the English or some other language. Mr. Bartholdt of Missouri and Mr. Louis Schade addressed the committee in opposition to the bill, and the former presented a protest from the North American Turner association against it.

Representative Ray of New York has introduced a bill regulating absolute divorces and declaring marriages void in certain cases in the District of Columbia and the territories. The object is to make the divorce laws enacted by congress conform to the law of New York as the highest grade of the state codes and to install the proposed uniform marriage and divorce law to be obtained by constitutional amendment.

But one cause for absolute divorce is allowed—adultery. The innocent party may remarry; legal separation without permission of remarriage may be granted for drunkenness, cruelty or desertion, and marriage may be declared void in cases where a former partner is living, lunacy at marriage, matrimonial incapacity or lack of legal consent. The law is intended to cover cases in Oklahoma.

Bimetallic Conference Discussed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Mr. Wolcott of Colorado, chairman of the committee appointed by President McKinley to secure, if possible, the co-operation of foreign countries in an international conference upon the silver question, said in the senate that the committee had not yet made a report to the president, and it was uncertain when a report would be made.

Negotiations for a bimetallic conference, he said, are still pending, but Mr. Wolcott assured the senate that the committee had no intention of prolonging its effort beyond the point where reasonable hope of success should exist. Mr. Wolcott promised to explain fully the work of the committee in a speech to be delivered after the holiday recess.

The president sent the following nominations to the senate:

Justice—Joseph McKenna of California to be associate justice of the supreme court of the United States.

Treasury—Charles G. Dawes of Illinois to be comptroller of the currency.

Interior—John W. Nesbit of Pennsylvania to be pension agent at Pittsburg.

Court of Private Land Claims—Joseph R. Reed of Iowa to be chief justice, William W. Murray of Tennessee, Thomas C. Fuller of North Carolina, Henry C. Sluss of Kansas and Wilbur F. Stone of Colorado to be associate justices. These are reappointments, their terms expiring Dec. 31, 1897.

The nomination of Attorney General McKenna to succeed Justice Field on the supreme bench will not be acted upon by the senate until after the Christmas holidays. The nomination was referred to the committee on judiciary in the executive session but Senator Hoar, chairman of that committee, stated that he would not ask the committee to consider the nomination until after the reconvening of the senate in January.

A resolution directing the secretary of war to send supplies to American and other sufferers in the Klondike region was passed. Mr. Pritchard of North Carolina, chairman of the civil service investigating committee, delivered a brief speech upon the execution of the civil service law as developed by his committee, after which the senate went into executive session and then adjourned.

New Internal Revenue Agency.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Several important changes in the internal revenue service for Massachusetts and New England have been, or are about to be, effected, chief among them being the establishment in this city of a special internal revenue agency to exercise supervision over the service of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire. General F. D. Sewall will be at the head of the bureau.

SUBMARINE BOAT TESTED.

Newspaper Men Lunch at the Bottom of the Patapsco River.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—The Lake submarine boat Argonaut, built for the purpose of exploring the bottoms of rivers, lakes and other bodies of water and doing all manner of submarine work, was given her first public trial yesterday. The place selected was Ferry bar, just outside of Baltimore, in the Patapsco river.

A half dozen newspaper men entered the strange craft, which was then submerged in about 20 feet of water, remaining under the surface about an hour and a half, during which time the workings of the boat were explained to them, after which a submarine luncheon was indulged in.

The boat was propelled along the bottom of the river by means of auxiliary wheels at a speed greater than that usually attained by a boat upon the surface. The new craft is apparently a complete success and one of the wonders of the age.

ANTICARTOON BILL AGAIN.

Ellsworth Says He Is Going to Revive the Defeated Measure.

BUFFALO, Dec. 17.—Senator Timothy E. Ellsworth, in an interview with a reporter, said that he intended to introduce again his anticartoon bill, defeated at Albany last spring, and added:

"What is more, it will be passed. Many of the strongest men in the state are back of it. The names of O'Grady, Croker, Platt and others of their stamp indicate what a power will be back of it. It will be in no sense a partisan measure. Public men, maddened by the cartoonists, are forced to this step."

"Do you think Governor Black will sign the bill in case it comes to him?" asked the reporter.

"I have no reason to think that he won't. I expect there will be a great fight over the bill, but since the last campaign we have gained new elements of strength which will put the bill through."

Would Yield Rowing Championship.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Jake Gaudaur, the oarsman, says that if Wray wishes to claim the championship of England it is his, "as I will not cross the ocean on the terms offered. If we can make it $2,000, I will row him for the championship of the world. If he will consent to have the race at Ratt-Portage, I will give him $500 to cover his expenses in coming here. If he insists upon an English course, I will accommodate him if he will allow me a similar amount for my expenses."

Pardon For Broker Hathaway.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The executive council yesterday recommended the pardon and release from the state prison of Welcome H. Hathaway of Fall River, who was sentenced on Nov. 25, 1893, to seven years' imprisonment on the charge of forging bills of lading. Mr. Hathaway was a prominent cotton broker. The council approves the pardon on the ground that the sentence when imposed was an excessive one and that justice had been meted out to the prisoner.

Baron Clarina Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Eyre Challoner Henry Massey, Baron Clarina, is dead. The late Baron Clarina was born April 20, 1830. He entered the army in 1847 and became successively lieutenant colonel, colonel, major general, lieutenant general and finally, in 1891, general. In that year he retired. He was a direct descendant of General Eyre Massey, who commanded the grenadiers at the taking of Havana and Niagara.

Philippine's Reported Surrender.

MADRID, Dec. 17.—At the meeting of the cabinet Prime Minister Sagasta read dispatches from Manila announcing the surrender of the remaining insurgent leaders and the complete pacification of the Philippine islands. The chiefs of the insurgent government have agreed to make personal submission to the queen regent and will sail for that purpose on Dec. 27. A fitting escort will accompany them to Spain.

Convicted of Manslaughter.

GODERICH, Ont., Dec. 17.—Fred Elliott, who was charged with shooting and killing his brother Harvey during a drunken quarrel, has been found guilty of manslaughter. The verdict was accompanied by a recommendation to mercy. Sentence was deferred.

Elevator Collapse Fatal.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 17.—By the fall of an elevator at the carriage works of the J. Z. Collings company George Sparks was so badly injured that he died shortly afterward, and Patrick Connor received injuries from which he is not expected to recover.

Disastrous Blaze In Iowa.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Dec. 17.—The wholesale grocery house of Letts, Fletcher & Co., one of the largest concerns in Iowa, caught fire and was destroyed. The loss on grocery stock is $100,000; loss on building, $200,000; insured for about $200,000.

Bound For the Klondike.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The schooner Julia E. Whalen, Captain Hagland, has started for Alaska via San Francisco. She carries a crew of seven men. At San Francisco a party of 25, who are on their way to the Klondike, will join the schooner.

Harmsworth Gives Peary a Ship.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A. C. Harmsworth, England's patron of arctic exploration, has presented his arctic ship Windward to Lieutenant R. E. Peary and will have her overhauled and sent to America for use in his coming expedition.

WILL WRITE NO MORE

Daudet, the French Novelist, Dies Suddenly.

SYNCOPE SEIZES HIM AT DINNER.

Brief Sketch of Life and Works of the Dead Author—He Once Won the Jouy Prize From the French Academy. Wrote the Novel "Sappho."

PARIS, Dec. 17.—M. Alphonse Daudet, the well known author, expired at 8 o'clock last evening. He was dining with his family and was in excellent spirits when he was seized with a sudden syncope. Physicians were summoned, but he died almost immediately.

The late M. Daudet was born at Nimes of poor parents May 13, 1840. After studying in the Lyceum in Lyons, he became an usher in a school at Alais, and did the drudgery of that humble calling for two years. In 1857, with his brother Ernest, he went to Paris to try to gain a livelihood by literary pursuits.

His first publication was a volume of poems entitled, "Les Amoureuses," which appeared in 1858 and won him a reputation that led to his employment on several newspapers. The Figaro opened its columns to a description of "Les Gueux de Province," in which he depicted with extreme earnestness and fidelity the miseries and sufferings of the ushers in provincial schools. He next published "La Double Conversion," a poem, which was followed in 1863 by "Le Roman du Chaperon Rouge," a collection of articles that had appeared originally in The Figaro.

He wrote also for the stage with success, composing, in conjunction with M. Ernest Lepine, two little pieces, "La Derniere Idole," which was presented at the Odeon in 1862, and "L'Œillet blanc," which was presented at the Comedie Francaise in 1865.

For five years he was private secretary of the Duc de Morny, president of the corps legislatif from 1861 to 1865, inclusive. He then made several attempts to write for the theater, but the results were decided failures. It was while writing, under the pseudonym of "Baptistet" or under his real name, novels, tales and newspaper articles that he achieved his real popularity. Among these publications were "Tartarin de Tarascon," "Les Rois in Exil," "Les Femmes d'Artistes," "Jack, Histoire d'un Ouvrier," "Le Petit Chose," "L'Evangeliste," "Contes du Lundi," "Les Contes Choisis," "Le Nabab Moeurs Parisiennes" (in which he described the private life of the Duc de Morny), "Sappho," his best work; "Fromont jeune et Risler aine," "Numa Roumentan," "La Belle Nivernaise," "L'Immortel," a lively satire directed against the French academy; "Port-Tarascon," "Tartarin Sur les Alpes," which, with "Tartarin de Tarascon," already mentioned, constitute the fantastic trilogy of which Tartarin is the hero.

In 1875 the French academy awarded him the Jouy prize for "Fromont jeune et Risler aine," which was successfully dramatized in the following year by M. Alphonse Belot. M. Daudet was long connected with the Journal Officiel, whose theatrical department was under his charge.

A few weeks ago it was cabled from Paris that Alphonse Daudet was a candidate for the seat of the late Duc d'Aumale in the French academy, but the report was improbable on its face, as he had always been foremost in satirizing the institution and would not have accepted an election even if it had been offered him.

Spain's Queen May Flee.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—According to The St. James' Gazette, private letters received here from Madrid say that General Weyler's reception there was most significant and that the government is so alarmed by the menacing attitude of the populace that artillery has been stationed at concealed points commanding the main thoroughfares. The gunners, however, cannot be relied upon. The wildest rumors are current, say the letters in question, with reports that preparations are being made for the flight of the members of the royal family to France at the first sign of revolution.

Would Not Stop the Fight.

ALBANY, Dec. 17.—"He is, indeed, much more tyrannical than the czar of Russia." This statement was made of Mayor Gleason of Long Island City yesterday by the Rev. Charles Park and J. Rufus Terry of that place to Governor Black in their argument to obtain executive interference to stop the Creedon-McCoy fight, which is scheduled to take place in that city tonight. The governor, however, refused to take positive action in the matter.

Regulating Otter Hunting.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The secretary of the treasury has issued new regulations which will govern sea otter hunting within the territorial waters of Alaska during the year 1898. These regulations are practically the same as those of last year, with the important exception that otter hunting hereafter will not be allowed from any boat or vessel other than the ordinary Yakutat canoe, and by these only when operated from the shore.

Requisition Papers For Warner.

ALBANY, Dec. 17.—Governor Black yesterday issued requisition papers on the governor of Missouri for the extradition of Albert S. Warner, the kidnaper, who is under arrest at Kansas City. The papers are on their way to Missouri in the hands of Detective Nolan and Assistant District Attorney Cook of this county, who left last night.

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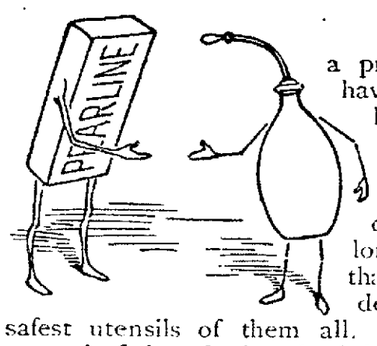

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that are soft and pleasant on the feet and are nice to look at.

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All sizes and prices, and in various sections of the county. Some very decided bargains, and some of the best farms in the county. I have descriptive catalogues on application at office or by mail. Owners anxious to sell always employ a broker, hence you are more likely to secure a bargain at my agency; anyway you have a large list to select from and should you want a House and Lot or other property in the beautiful and healthy city of Middletown, at a genuine bargain, apply at my office. Correspondence solicited.

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A Handsome Complexion is one of the greatest charms a woman can possess. POZZONI'S COMPLEXION POWDER gives it.

Your Watch Needs Cleaning!

We have no doubt it does. Nine out of every ten watches that fail to give their owners satisfaction need cleaning and oiling. Sometimes the owner neglects it too long and the result is worn pivots and general debility on the part of the watch.

A GOOD WATCH IS THE CHEAPEST in the LONG RUN,

and if it is carefully cleaned and oiled once a year, it will last a lifetime, or a hundred years. Such a watch is a source of satisfaction to its owner. He can meet an engagement or catch a train and never have to excuse himself with—my Watch must be slow.

Watches Examined, Regulated and Set Free of Charge.

Visitors are always welcome.

CHAS. J. GIERING, JEWELER.

NO. 7 NORTH ST., MIDDLETOWN

MAKING BRICKS WITH OIL

Found to Be Cheaper and Better Than Any Other Fuel.

An experiment of considerable interest to brick manufacturers and dealers has been tried in a brickyard in New York state, fuel oil being used instead of wood or coal oil to burn a kiln of bricks. Fuel oil is the product left after crude petroleum has been refined. It has been used for some time as fuel for engines and furnaces, but its adaptability for the more delicate operation of burning pottery or bricks is a recent discovery. The success of the experiment, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch, is likely to reduce the cost of brick making in a considerable degree. Forced draught is an important factor in the system, and by it the heat from the burner can be directed at a uniform temperature toward any part of the arch of the kiln. The oil runs in pipes around the base of the kiln and feeds [illegible] from the burner in the arch in the interior. The forced draught "feeds it" with the oil, and by the turning of [illegible] can be regulated at any point within the arch.

It is claimed that the use of oil is much cheaper than that of either coal or wood for brick burning. The cost of burning 1,000 bricks with wood at five dollars a cord is 80 cents; the cost where coal is used is 50 cents; with oil the cost is 38 cents. In burning bricks with wood 12 men are required every 24 hours; if oil is used two men can do the work. The new method is quicker, completing the burning of the kiln in six days, instead of seven or eight, as formerly, and the bricks are better, because with the forced air draught the temperature of the kiln is entirely under control.

THE RETIRED BURGLAR.

A Brief and Quiet Chapter from the Story of His Varied Life.

"I don't think I was ever much scared," said a retired burglar, according to the Norfolk Sun, "but I have been as much scared by slight, little things, that were of no real account as by anything else. For instance, by the scratching of a rat, starting up suddenly and running around in the wall. I was never more disturbed than I was once by the absolute stillness of a room that I was in. It was dead and oppressive; and I couldn't account for it.

"I swung my lamp around and saw the usual things that you might expect to see in such a room—it was a dining-room—including a clock on the mantel. It was a pendulum clock, one of the kind that has a little clear space in the lower part of the glass front, through which you can see the pendulum as it swings back and forth. The lamp simply swept across the face of the clock, as it swung around, and an instant later I realized that I had seen no pendulum swinging back and forth behind that clear space. It wasn't swinging. The clock had stopped.

"I set my lamp on the shelf, and opened the door of the clock and started up the pendulum, and then I heard the regular ticking of the clock. And that was all I wanted. But what a relief it was to hear it. I could sort the spoons now with a cheerful spirit."

STATES WITH INDIAN NAMES.

Seventeen of the Forty-Five Given Aboriginal Appellations.

Our state got its name before the revolution, or it would have been named Oglethorpe, says the Atlanta Constitution. After the revolution was over and peace was made, it was proposed to change its name, but it did not carry. Several of the states had been named for kings and queens, and they were not changed. Since then most of the new states have been named for Indian tribes, and that is about all the poor Indian got as he moved toward the setting sun. He left his name behind him. Seventeen of the new states have Indian names, and it is a curious fact that only one state bears the name of any great man of our country, and that is the state of Washington. One other state chose the name of Franklin, and kept it for some time, but for some reason it did not stick, and was changed to Tennessee. But the great man has 24 counties named for him in 24 different states. I don't see why some of the new states that came in after the revolution were not named for Adams and Jefferson and Monroe and Madison and Patrick Henry and other fathers of liberty. But I suppose that even these great men had their enemies in congress, and they compromised on the Indians. Partisan politics had much to do with it.

"SWEETEST OF THE SWEET."

How a Gallant Kentuckian Filled Out a Check for His Wife.

Framed and hung up in the Agricultural bank, of Paris, Ky., is a check which was made payable to "Sweetest of the Sweet" and so indorsed, says the Chicago Chronicle President McClure, of the bank, tells the story of the check as follows:

"One of our depositors recently gave his wife a check for ten dollars, the check being regularly filled out and duly signed, except that it was payable to 'Sweetest of the Sweet.' When the lady presented the check for payment I innocently inquired:

"'Who is this "Sweetest of the Sweet?"'

"'Why, it's me,' she replied.

"I told her to indorse the check, which she did and handed it back.

"'But, madam,' I said, 'you must indorse it just as drawn, to the "Sweetest of the Sweet."'

"She snatched up the pen and wrote the words below the name and I paid the money."

Souls of Deceased Monarchs.

The Sandwich islanders believe that the souls of their deceased monarchs reside in ravens, and they entreat Europeans not to molest these birds.

The Largest Lived Flowers.

Among flowers the chrysanthemum is said to live the longest after being cut.

Marion Harland's Idea of it:

"Some years ago I sketched the crest of the average American-born housewife. It was a bare, bony arm, brandishing a reeking frying pan."—MARION HARLAND

That was in the time when the frying pan was always filled with *lard*. Before healthy shortening and frying were made easy with Cottolene. Before Marion Harland declared that

COTTOLENE

"Is purer, more healthful and economical than lard."

Genuine Cottolene is sold everywhere in one to ten pound yellow tins, with our trade-marks—"*Cottolene*" and *steer's head in cotton-plant wreath*—on every tin. Not guaranteed if sold in any other way. Made only by

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TOMPKINS' NEW DRY GOODS STORE,

Nos 6-8 East Main Street, Middletown.

From Now Until Christmas Day, Grand Sale of Toys and Holiday Gifts for All.

Our store in its Holiday Dress is like a glimpse of Faryland. Magnificent display and tempting novelties attract the eye of the visitor. Holiday gifts are grouped in rich assortments all over the place, with immense assortments of stock, extra salespeople, everything to make holiday shopping with us a comfort as well as an economy, has been done. We point with pride to our splendid selections of goods suitable for Holiday Gifts for young and old, and to the alluring low prices at which we are able to sell them.

DOLLS

A Beauty Show—

Our Doll Exhibit is incomparably superior to any expectation you may have formed from what you see elsewhere.

Dressed Dolls and Dolls to Dress

of all nativities and complexions. No description can do them justice. All should come and see them. Note these prices, much lower than elsewhere. Here are a few price hints:

500 China Dolls Each 3c.

12c China Dolls each 7c., 25c Dressed Dolls each 15c., 50c Kid Body Dolls, bisque head and sewing hair, each 35c.; 50c Dressed Dolls each 35c., $1 Dressed Dolls and Kid Body Dolls each 75c.

One Thing

We want to say here. While we have a reasonably large quantity of everything advertised here, we not guarantee every lot to last until Christmas. The early comer will find everything advertised here.

TOYS.

The Most Substantial Toys for Children

are those made of Malleable Iron. At Tompkins' you will buy them much lower than elsewhere—Toy Scales 10 and 13c., worth 15 to 25c. Tin Stoves, with furniture, 5 and 10c., worth 10 and 15c. Tin Kitchen, with furniture, 10 and 19c. Iron Wagon and Horse, value 38c., at 25c. Fire Engine, Horse and Driver value 35c., at 19c. Big Iron State Banks 25 and 45c. Iron Runners 25 and 45c. A few very large ones $1.50. Big Iron Wagons 19c. Iron Passenger Trains, 10c size. 7c Iron Surrey, with horse 25c. Iron Coal Carts, with driver, 19c. Iron Coal Carts 10c. Big Hook and Ladder or Fire Engine, with horses and firemen, a regular $1.50 toy, at 85c.

Other Toys.

Doll Cradles, large ones, 10, 15, 25c. Black boards 25, 35c; with changeable figures 75c. Tool Chests 35, 50c and higher. Wooden Hay Carts, with handles, 10c. Boys' Coasting Sleighs 10 and 25c. Toy Wheelbarrows 10c. Doll Swings 10c. Nine Pins, per set, 19, 35, 65c. Babies' Rattles. Boys' Tops, Trumpets, Childs' Sets, consisting of knife, fork and spoon, 10 and 15c a set. Shoo Fly Baby's Rocking Horses, the kind that cannot fall over, 75c. Card Games of all kinds 5 and 10c. China Tea Sets, nicely decorated and put up in strong box, 25c. Drums, the flat, tall, wood or ash, all prices. Toy Pianos in every style.

How Beautiful the Store Looks in Its Holiday Attire.

Every section trimmed up to look its prettiest. Everywhere you chance to glance something new. A stroll through the store will prove an hour's enjoyable entertainment.

A Great Handkerchief Sale.

It was said of a great physician, by one of his patients: "He always attends to my case as if he had only one case to think of." We aim to sell Handkerchiefs as if we sold nothing else, and we don't know of another handkerchief store in Middletown like this one. In holiday time Handkerchiefs prevade the whole store at prices astonishing low.

At 3c Each,

200 dozen colored border, hemstitched Handkerchiefs.

At 5c Each.

Embroidered, plain hemstitched and lace edge Handkerchiefs.

At 10c Each.

Fine plain white, hemstitched beautiful Swiss embroidered and men's or ladies' initial Handkerchiefs.

At 12½c Each,

Ladies' elegant fine Swiss embroidered, men's imitation silk, initialed Handkerchiefs.

At 15c Each.

Ladies' fine initialed hemstitched Handkerchiefs, ladies' silk, hemstitched Handkerchiefs, ladies' fine Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs.

At 25c Each,

Ladies' very fine embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 35c.

At 49c Each,

Ladies' all linen beautiful embroidered Handkerchiefs, men's silk initialed Handkerchiefs, beautiful goods and worth 75c each.

Christmas Gloves.

You've heard of the old lady who knit mittens and said she lost on every pair. How could she do it? Couldn't, she said, only that she sold so many. That's not far from true with our Christmas Gloves.

Child's Kid Mittens.

Nicely lined fur tops, 50c a pair.

Ladies' Fine Kid Gloves

or Mittens, lined, fur tops $1 a pair.

Ladies' Fine Silk Mittens

$1.00.

Holiday Umbrellas.

A most suitable Christmas present. Nowhere can you buy them at these prices. Umbrellas with fancy Congo, Wood Celluloid and Dresden handles $1.50, $1.98, $2.50 and $3.98 each.

Silks and Dress Goods.

A standard holiday gift for ladies. The one thing that you cannot make a mistake on, for there isn't a woman in the land who would not appreciate a handsome new dress. Tompkins' Silk and Dress Goods Department is resplendent with beautiful goods and the prices throughout are very much lower than goods of equal excellence can be bought elsewhere.

Ladies' Fine Jackets.

It is usual to wait until after the holidays to mark down prices of Jackets. Every jacket we have must be sold this season, so we have made after-season prices right now. If you need a jacket yourself or think of making a Christmas present of one, you will get it at Tompkins' at the usual after holiday price now. This extraordinary lot of jackets consists in part of the following fine goods.

Double Breasted Fly Front Coats

of rich curly Boucle, fastened high at neck, rolling storm collar tailor back, half lined with silk serge. Ladies' fine imported black Kersey Cloth Jackets, all satin lined, strapped seams, fly or high buttoned fronts, new style storm collar, all sizes 32 to 44.

Misses' Reefer Jackets.

Several styles nicely made with wide sailor collars.

Holiday Books.

One lot Cloth Bound Books, many different titles, at 10c each. ANOTHER LOT CLOTH BOUND BOOKS, 25c elsewhere, at Tompkins' 15c each.

Cups and Saucers.

We made a lucky purchase of a lot of Cups and Saucers, all fine goods, nicely decorated. Monday we start to sell these goods at half regular price. Worth 20c at 10c., worth 35c at 15c., worth 50c at 25c. Fine Gilt Plates 10c each.

Table Covers and Curtains.

A Table Cover is like your hat, or nose or front door, it is the prominent feature that dominates the surroundings. These make useful Christmas presents.

Chenille Table Covers

75, 98c and $1.25 each.

Fine Damask Linen Table Covers

Figured, $1, $1.50 and $1.75, according to size.

Chenille Portiere Curtains

$1.98 and $2.98 per pair.

Blankets.

Continuation sale of the largest and most attractive Blanket stock in this city. Entire stock direct from the mills, no intermediate costs or profits. We start at 35c a pair for a fair article, this lot is slightly imperfect; then 75c, and offer at 98c a blanket that has positively not been equalled for less than $1.25. $2 Blankets for $1.50, $2.50 Blanket for $1.98, $3 Blanket at $2.25, $3.75 Blanket at $2.98, 10/4 Blanket, strictly all wool warp and fully 6c, finished both sides, $3.98 a pair.

Fine California Wool Blankets

$4.98, $6.50 and $7.75 a pair.

REMEMBER THE LOCATION,

Nos. 6-8 EAST MAIN STREET.

SEE

What the Largest Dry Goods House in the City Says About TRADING STAMPS!

Weller & Demerest, No. 3 West Main St.,
Middletown, Dec. 15, 1897.

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
Dry Goods, Specialties,
Cloaks and Dress Goods.

Edward Nola, Mgr. Middletown Trading Stamp Co.

Dear Sir: Trading Stamps are as good as GOLD. WELLER & DEMEREST.

Trading Stamps are a cash discount given by enterprising merchants that want your trade. Always Ask for Them. We have stores in all the leading cities of the country. Our stamps are interchangeable, and will be redeemed at any of our stores.

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If presented at our store with Stamp Book on or before Dec. 22 '97

ONLY ONE COUPON REDEEMED FROM SAME PERSON.

Middletown Trading Stamp Co., No. 5 North Street.

EDWARD NOLAN, Manager.

We are the originators of the Trading Stamp system, and have over $500,000 invested and are HERE TO STAY.

Middletown Trading Stamp Co., No. 5 North St.

EDWARD NOLAN, Manager. Buy of Merchants Only That Give You Trading Sta

Casino Theatre

ONE NIGHT ONLY.

FRIDAY EV'NG, DEC. 17

The Funny Irish Comedian,

MR. JOHN T. MAGEE,

in the latest laughing success,

"OUT OF SIGHT!"

Bright specialties, catchy music pretty girls, fancy comedians.

Our Own Great Orchestra.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE THE

Street Parade of the Famous

Fire Bragade.

Casino Theatre

ONE NIGHT.

Monday Evng Dec. 20th.

THE CYCLONIC SUCCESS OF THE CENTURY.

Chas. H. Yale's Forever

DEVIL'S AUCTION!

The Grand Christmas Pantomime

50—PEOPLE—50

SEE the Beautiful Ballets. the Grand Scenery. the Funny Chorus. the Wonderful Phauts Bros. the Bashful Maidens. SEE the Shy Old Maids. the Biggest and Best Show You Ever Saw for for the Money.

Prices $1, 75, 50, 35, 25c.

Casino Theatre

New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31.

GEO. LEA'S SECOND ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL!

Will Take Place on the Above Night.

This ball will eclipse anything of the kind ever attempted in Orange county.

$100 IN PRESENTS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY. READ THEM.

To the Lady Wearing the Finest Costume, a Handsome Dress Pattern To be seen in the store window of Geo B. Adams & Co., North street

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Elaborate Costume, a Celluloid Necktie Box To be seen in the window of Tuthill's Pharmacy, on James St

To the Lady Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, a Pair of Newmont Patent Leather Spheres To be seen in A. Stearns' shoe store, 11 North St

To the Best Lady Waltzer, a Lady's Hat. To be seen in L. Stern's window, on North street.

To the Handsomest Lady, a Parlor Lamp To be seen in the window of Crawford's furniture store, on North street

To the Prettiest Girl, a Bottle of Perfumery To be seen in the window of McMonagle & Rogers, on North street.

To the Youngest Widow, an Elegant Tea Gown To be seen in Max Katzin's window, Franklin Square.

To the Thinnest Man, an Immense Cake To be seen in Isaman & Son's Bakery, on James street.

To the Gentleman Wearing the Most Grotesque Costume, an Easy Chair. To be seen in the window of Crum & Hathaway's furniture store, on East Main street

To the Best Gentleman Waltzer, a Pair of Handsome Slippers. To be seen in the window of Frank W. Vanscoick's shoe store, 58 North St.

To the Homliest Man, a Box of Cigars. To be seen in the window of Tuthill's Cigar Store, on North street

To the Person Selling the Most Tickets before the night of the ball, a Ten Dollar Gold Piece. To be seen in H. S. Dusenberry & Son's window on North street.

All the above presents can be seen in the different store windows advertised until 8 p. m. of the night of December 31st.

A SPECIAL ORCHESTRA, with the newest music has been engaged for the occasion, including some of the members of the WEST POINT BAND. Admission Prices:

Gents' Tickets 50c. Ladies' Tickets 25c. Spectators in the Balcony 25c.

Notice—Tickets purchased any time in advance before 8 o'clock, Thursday night, Dec. 30th, will be entitled to a Ladies' Ticket Free. Advance tickets now on sale at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's jewelry store.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1897.

...nual election for directors of this bank ...d at the banking rooms of the bank on ...nuary 11th, 1898, from 9 a. m. to 10 ...ering will be considered the ad... Article 3, of the articles of ...bank, which article determines ...ors to be elected.

...AMOUR DEWITT, Cashier.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

THE COUNTY'S LEGISLATORS IN ANNUAL SESSION.

Report of Committee on Securing a Lower State Equalization—A Soldiers' Widow's Application Refused—Surrogate's Building Not to be Enlarged—The Insurance on the County House Buildings—Much Other Business.

Blooming Grove	Joseph E. Board, R
Chester	Geo. W. Fredericks, R
Cornwall	Charles Ketcham, D
Crawford	Sam'l D. Roberson, D
Deerpark	Thomas J. Quick, R
Goshen	J. E. Wells, R
Greenville	Samuel V. Jones, D
Hamptonburgh	Chas. P. Howell, R
Highlands	Louis F. Goodsell, R
Middletown—	
First Ward	James E. Brazee, R
Second Ward	Chas. J. Boyd, R
Third Ward	John E. Iseman, R
Fourth Ward	Nelson W. Wood, R
Minisink	Richard S. Tuthill, D
Monroe	Joseph Rake, R
Montgomery	Irving H. Loughran, R
Mount Hope	Chas. W. Loomis, R
Newburgh City—	
First Ward	John M. Wilson, R
Second Ward	Henry B. Lawson, R
Third Ward	Geo. Mosher, R
Fourth Ward	Hugh McKissock, D
Fifth Ward	Jonathan Taylor, D
Sixth Ward	J. J. E. Harrison, R
Newburgh Town	Wm. H. Post, R
New Windsor	Geo. Debenham, D
Tuxedo	Mahlon J. Brooks, R
Wallkill	H. D. Thompson, R
Warwick	Ira S. Smith, D
Wawayanda	John I. Bradley, D
Woodbury	John A. Patterson, R

GOSHEN, Dec. 16.—The busy days of the Board of Supervisors are at hand, and right busy ones they are. This morning Chairman Goodsell started them in promptly at 10:30, and it was one continual round of business from then until the clock in a neighboring steeple had announced the noon hour. Then promptly at 1:30 business was again taken up and continued until late in the afternoon.

Mr. Boyd, in behalf of the Finance Committee, reported that they had examined County Treasurer Mead's accounts and found them correct. The balances to the credit of the several funds were: General fund, $7,556.81; poor fund, $2,580.54; special fund, $159.32; drafted men's account, $1,782; school fund, $556.34.

Messrs. Boyd, Bradley, Goodsell and Loughran, the committee appointed to appear before the State Tax Commissioners and secure a reduction of Orange county's equalized valuation, made their report. It was to the effect that as a result of their efforts the Tax Commissioners had added but $128,351 to the county's valuation. They recommended that the county continue to be represented at the Tax Commissioners' hearings and that the effect to secure a just valuation on the county be not relaxed.

The committee was continued for another year.

The bill of Henry Kohl, of Newburgh, for legal services rendered to coroner, was referred to Law Committee.

The Building Committee reported an expenditure of $885.76 at Goshen, most of which was for the new interlocking system used in the county jail, and $918.33 at Newburgh for improvements. They recommended an appropriation to enlarge the former Surrogate's building. Vouchers accompanied their report and it was referred to the Miscellaneous Committee.

The Committee on Constables' bills reported their work completed. Committee on Fox Bounties reported $33 more paid for foxes killed.

Coroners' Committee, District No. 2, reported that they had audited bills to the amount of $3,562.25, and said they believed this was too much money for coroners to earn. Recommended some steps be taken to reduce the expenditure.

About all the lawyers in Newburgh signed a petition saying that more room was needed for Library and Supreme Court Chambers at Newburgh. The Building Committee was authorized to hire another room in the Brewster building for that purpose.

An application from the widow of a deceased soldier, (Isaac Sayer), of Newburgh, for the allowance of $35, was made. It seems that when the soldier died he was in fair circumstances and his funeral expenses, amounting to $130, were paid by the widow. Now the widow is in poor circumstances and she asks that the county pay her the sum allowed for the burial of soldiers. Supervisors said that a number of such applications are made to them and the Board took action on this case and refused to pay it.

The motion to spend $5,000 for improvements to the former Surrogate's building so that it might in the future be occupied by the Surrogate and Treasurer was laid on the table.

Mr. Boyd, chairman of the Insurance Committee, asked for instructions from the Board as to the amount the buildings at Orange Farm should be insured. He stated that recently the Board of Underwriters had determined to raise the premium from $1 25 to $1.50. He believed that the Board should know this and take some action on it. There was considerable argument, during the course of which it transpired that the buildings at Orange Farm are now insured for $40,000. This insurance expires soon.

There were a number of suggestions made to meet the case, among them being that the committee give the insurance to the Highland Insurance Company, of Newburgh, which is a local affair and whose terms are twenty per cent. less than other companies. This suggestion was offered by Mr. Mosher, of Newburgh. Mr. Boyd said that so far as he knew there was no objection to giving it to that company except that they would take but a small portion of it, say from $2,000 to $3,000. Mr. Tuthill and Mr. Bradley thought that the county had enough property to afford to be its own insurance company and not insure at all. Others of the Board did not think it the part of wisdom to be without insurance, and after considerable discussion Mr. Boyd moved, in order to get the matter properly before the Board, that the amount be fixed at $20,000 for insurance at Orange Farm. This was carried.

The following resolution introduced by Mr. Boyd was laid on the table until the arrival of Mr. Loughran, who had some information on the subject.

Resolved, That the clerk of this Board be and is hereby authorized to issue certificates to the several corporations paying taxes direct to the Comptroller of the State, in such amounts as he may find is due as an offset to the State tax levied by this Board on personal property of said corporations.

Certificates when signed by the clerk shall be accepted by the County Treasurer as representing the offset for State taxes, and the same charged back on the general fund.

This resolution was amended before being laid on the table by Mr. Bradley, who asked that the matter be referred to a committee of the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of granting the certificates.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. Roberson presented the bond of Superintendent of the Poor-elect Charles B. Wood. It was in the usual amount and took the usual course. It was sent to the Law Committee who will report it correct and it will be received by the Board.

The Committee on Recorders' and Penitentiaries' Accounts reported an apparent discrepancy in the bill of the Albany Penitentiary of $56. The story of it seems to be that two prisoners were sent there in default of the payment $50 for each fine. They were released after two weeks by paying their fines. No return of the account paid has been made to the county and the committee cut the penitentiary bill. The action of the committee was endorsed.

The sheriffs' bills next occupied attention. The sheriffs asked the Board to pay them $150 for care of their offices and $70 and $60 respectively for ice. The Board decided to allow them $25 for ice for prisoners and cut the entire bill for office care. Mr. Wells, of the Coroners' Committee, First District, reported drafts to the amount of $4,771.50 had been audited by them and suggested that the coroners be more economical in the future.

The Miscellaneous Committee reported its labors finished.

The Board took a recess until 10:30, Friday morning.

One Fare for the Round Trip to New York.

The Erie announce an excursion to New York, Monday, Dec. 20th, at the rate of $1.86 for the round trip. Tickets will be good going on any morning train Dec. 20th and returning on any train (except No. 5) on or bfore Tuesday, Dec. 21st. Trains leave Jam s street at 4:49, 6:01, 6:30, 7:10, 8:23, 10:48, a. m.; Main str et, 6.32, 7:12, 8:25 a. m.

A VITAL QUESTION.

Asked By Hundreds of Middletown People—A Citizen Answers It.

Our citizens who have been entrapped into reading a newspaper composition that turned out to be a cleverly worded introduction to some proprietary medicine advertisement always stop the perusal of it when they discover the fraud, some with impatience, some mentally vowing they won't be foolish again. Other readers who are honestly searching for a remedy advertised in their daily paper, drop on to one, and invariably the first question comes to a more important one, why don't they publish local testimony instead of forever asking us to believe statements of some one whom we are not sure even exists? Carefully read the following and see if it does not fill the bill:

Mrs. Mary Carey, of No. 143 East avenue, says:—My little daughter fell coming home from school and injured her back. Since then, now over two years, she has suffered a great deal with backache. If she walked any distance her back would give out. If she caught cold she was sure to have a severe and protracted attack. When the last spell occurred I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at J. E. Mills' drug store and they strengthened her. Since she stopped taking them she has asked me to get her some more. She dreads a return of the suffering, but it shows no indication of seizing her again. So convinced was I of the efficiency of Doan's Kidney Pills and so pleased with the results in my daughter's case that I commenced taking them myself for a slight pain in my loins which accompanied a cold. They removed it in a day or two. After Doan's Kidney Pills cured my little girl's back I have no hesitancy in recommending them."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents cents per box, or six boxes for $2.50 Foster—Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for United States. Sent by mail on receipt of price. For sale by all dealers.

Remember the name Doan's, and take no substitute.

Mrs. Stark, Pleasant Ridge, O., says, "After two doctors gave up my boy to die, I saved him from croup by using One Minute Cough Cure." It is the quickest and most certain remedy for coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. W. D. Olney.

Disfigurement for life by burns or scalds may be avoided by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great remedy for piles and for all kinds of sores and skin troubles. W. D. Olney.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

If you want to quit tobacco using easily and forever, be made well, strong, magnetic, full of new life and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. Many gain ten pounds in ten days. Over 400,000 cured. Buy No To-Bac of your druggist, under guarantee to cure, 50c or $1.00. Booklet and sample mailed free. Ad. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York

GRIEVED HERSELF TO DEATH.

A Mother Dies of a Broken Heart Because of Her Son's Death.

From the Livingston Manor Ensign.

Mrs. Henry Friese, aged sixty years, died at her home near this village, last night at 10 o'clock of a broken heart. She grieved herself to death over the loss of her son George, who was killed by train No. 2 in this village last summer. It is an unusually sad case. A husband, one son and three daughters survive her.

A suit against the O. and W. to recover $10,000 damages for the young man's death was tried at Monticello, last week, and resulted in favor of the railroad company, court and jury holding that the railroad's employes were not responsible for the accident.

ARRESTED AFTER A LONG CHASE

Sister of a Betrayed Young Woman Helps Run Down the Man Accused of Wronging Her.

Fred Quick, who fled from Walden to escape arrest on a warrant charging him with the betrayal of a young woman, was arrested in Schoharie county by Officer Rouk and brought back to Walden, Tuesday evening, and held for trial. He led the officer a lively chase through Orange and Ulster county villages and hamlets. A sister of the young woman Quick is said to have wronged accompanied the officer on his 140 mile chase and aided materially in securing his arrest.

Revival Meetings at Livingston Manor

Union revival meetings are being held in Livingston Manor. They have been in progress about two weeks and much interest is manifested and many have professed conversions. The meetings were for a time in charge of Rev. H. E. Crowell, of Owego, who was at one time general secretary of the Middletown Y. M. C. A. The meeting Thursday night was conducted by Almarin H. Philips, of Port Jervis, formerly of this city.

Burglars and Horse Thieves in a Sullivan County Village.

From the Rockland Review.

Youngsville was visited by burglars, Saturday night, Dec. 11. They broke in Jacob Spielman's shop and stole about $14 worth of horsewhips. They also took a horse, harness and buckboard belonging to Patrick Carr, also about five tubs of butter. The horse was found at Callicoon, but the robbers and the booty are missing.

Six O. and W. Cars Wrecked at Rockland.

Six cars in O. and W. and W. train 31 were wrecked in the Rockland yard, last night. The accident was caused by a coupling pin breaking and the consequent sudden setting of the air brakes. No one was hurt.

VERNON, N. J.

New Milch Cows Scarce—Donation—Bad Roads—Personal and Local Notes.

Correspondence of ARGUS and MERCURY.

—Farmers are searching the community over pretty thoroughly for new milch cows, but are meeting with little success, such cattle being unusually scarce.

—The Epworth League gave a donation at the home of David Riggs, Thursday night.

—Wm. Parker was in Paterson, N. J., a portion of last week on business.

—S. H. Wood is engaged in erecting an ice house on the Parker farm.

—C. T. Mott is confined to the house with a severe cold and sore throat.

—We are pleased to state that Mrs. S. H. Wood, who has been ill with pneumonia, is improving as rapidly as can be expected.

—The rains of the past few days have played our roads, especially the mountain roads, in horrible condition.

—Mr. and Mrs. Nathan House spent a portion of last week with Mrs. House's sister at Mt. Arlington, who is ill with consumption.

—Mr. and Mrs. Solomon TenEyck, of of Franklin Furnace, spent Saturday and with relatives in this vicinity.

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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Rain or snow.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermom ater at Pronk's drug store, to-day:
7 a. m., **38°**; 12 m., **46°**; 3 p. m., **49°**.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

—Dec 17—"Out of Sight," at Casino
—Dec. 20—"Devil's Auction," at Casino.
—Dec. 21—Vernon Brothers' entertainment, 1st Congregational Church.
—Dec. 22—McQuoid Engine Co. hop.
—Dec. 22, 23, 24—W. C. T. U. Fair.
—Dec. 23—Ball of Phoenix Engine Co., at Assembly Rooms.
—Dec. 28—Excelsior Social.
—Dec. 30—Ball of Ontario Hose Co., at Assembly Rooms.
—Dec. 31—Masquerade ball, at Casino, under Geo. Lea's management.
—Jan. 21—Excelsior Social.
—Jan. 24 John Thomas Concert Co Y. M. C. A., at Casino.

Ninety five Pension Bureau clerks, most of them Democrats, are to be dropped from the rolls. That's all right if, as alleged, there is no need for their services. But Republican Congressmen are howling because pension claims are not adjusted more rapidly. The Republican Pension Bureau and the Republican Congress should get together.

The Supervisors think that the coroners are costing the county too much money, and want the expenses of "crowners' quests" reduced. The Supervisors are not consistent. They refused to reduce expenses by doing away with the services of two superfluous Superintendents of the Poor, and the Coroners, in view of this, only laugh at the attempts of the Board to draw the line on them.

The Cornell University Register for 1898 shows a total of 1,790 students in the different departments of the University, an increase of thirty-seven over last year. There are 191 professors and instructors, as against 175 last year. The resources of the University have been materially increased during the year and it is better prepared than ever before to meet the demands of those seeking a liberal or technical education.

The Supervisors did well in sitting down hard on the attempt of the Sheriff and Under-Sheriff to collect $150 each for caring for the offices which the county provides for them. Had the bills been allowed, another year would have seen bills for $300 or more for caring for the living rooms which the county gives them rent free in the court houses. In this connection we want to say that while the county pays $3 25 a week for the board of prisoners it's a gift of the people's money to pay the Sheriffs' fe bills. Mush and molasses board at $3.25 a week ought to leave margin enough to the Sheriffs to buy their own ice

THE VITRIOL THROWING CASE.

The Complainant Denies Having Made Love to Mrs. Otens—The Defense Will be That the Woman Was Crazed by Jealousy.

At the trial of the Ellenville vitriol throwing case in Kingston, Thursday, Wilson R Denman, the complainant, was the principal witness. He denied point blank that he had ever made love to Mrs. Otens or had been intimate with her in any way. He denied ever having stopped at the Fowler House, Port Jervis, or the Grand Union Hotel, New York with Mrs. Otens, or registered as man and wife.

He said Mrs. Otens had tried to make trouble for him and Hume, but he did not know the reason unless she was of low origin. Witness said Mrs. Otens had once struck him with a club and had threatened his life with a pistol. He said he was warned that she intended to throw vitriol on him, but never felt that he could give an explanation for her committing the outrage. He didn't ask the man who warned him what the trouble was. Mr Denman said he could not see out of his left eye as well as formerly and that his right eye seemed somewhat affected. His face is not much scarred.

The line of cross-examination pursued defendant's counsel and the questions put to Dr Connelly the next witness called for the defense indicate that the defense will be that Mr. Otens threw the vitriol while crazed with jealousy.

The case is still on to-day.

Twenty Miles of Electric Road Projected.

The Nyack Traction Company, it is stated, will lease the lines which it is asking for, will have a line a little over twenty miles in length. The route is from Spuyten Duyvil station through the Nyacks, to West Nyack, New City, Valley Cottage, Congers and Rockland Lake.

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THE GARRISONS' DISASTER.

Railroad Commissioners' Can't Tell How It Happened, But Advise Greater Watchfulness.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

ALBANY, Dec. 17.—The Railroad Company, to-day, handed down a long report on the disastrous wreck on the New York Central at Garrisons in October.

The only conclusion presented is that the wreck was caused either by a derailment which destroyed the embankment, or by the embankment giving way and throwing the train into the river. The Board recommends that the force of track walkers on the Hudson River division be increased so as to afford a constant system of watching.

JUDGE ANDREWS' LAST DAY.

Having Reached the Age Limit He Will Leave the Court of App als.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALBANY, Dec. 17.—Chief Judge Andrew J of the Court of Appeals, occupied the seat in the centre of seven judges, today, for the last time, having reached the age limit of seventy years. He will be succeeded, Jan. 1st, by Chief Judge-elect Alton B. Parker.

FOR A WOMAN'S SAKE.

Killed His Daughter to Please Her Stepmother.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—Wm. Carr was hanged in the Clay county court house, this morning Carr, an ignorant backwoodsman, sought to please his second wife by killing his young daughter by t is first wife.

A BONE OF CONTENTION.

American Bishop Predicts Europeans Will War on African Soil.

It has been predicted that Africa would be the theater of the great struggle between, says the Lynchburg Advance, European powers in the next century, as America was in the last two centuries. Bishop Hartell, of the Methodist Episcopal church, after a close observation of the situation, indorses the opinion. There are already signs of the coming trouble. Germany is watching British progress in Africa with a jealous eye and only wants a pretext to interfere in order to stop that progress. The French are continually encroaching on the sphere of British influences, and though the French government disowns the acts of overzealous French officers, still the government holds whatever they acquire. Africa is a rich prize, and English, Germans and French, to say nothing of Italians, will all seek to gain as large a slice of the continent as possible. It requires no prophetic powers to predict that England will outstrip all her rivals in the race. She has a firm foothold now both in Egypt and south Africa, and every year is acquiring additional territory. England is the great colonizer of the age, and her great naval power will give her an immense advantage in the coming struggle.

NEW IMPLEMENT OF WARFARE.

Invention by a Pole Which Renders Destructive Weapons Useless.

The greatest benefactor of modern times may be found in a poor Polish chemist named Simon Pavlowski, of Warsaw. This obscure chemist has invented a new gas, which, if used in the battles of the future will put an end to the horrible mutilations and terrible deaths on the battle field, says the New York World.

The battles of the future will be the harmless bursting of Pavlowski shells filled with a gas which, as soon as fired from its gelatine cage, will permeate the atmosphere breathed by the enemy and lull them into a 15-hours' sleep, from which they will not awaken until their standards have been seized by the opposing army and their sleeping bodies removed to a place of safety.

The gas invented by Pavlowski is an anasthetic which is forced into a shell made of geletine. When the latter bursts in the ranks of the enemy this gas escapes, rendering every soldier in the immediate vicinity soothingly unconscious for a long time, but with no other injury than to incapacitate him for the time from working against the opposing army.

The Census of Russia.

According to Prince Krapotkin this is the way they take a census in Russia. The official of the village takes a nip of brandy and says: "How many children were born last year?" "Oh, 23." Then he takes another nip and says: "Oh, let's say 50."

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COST OF SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

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A noted statistician and investigator who has lots of time for such work has been doing some figuring on the cost of the Temple of Solomon, and says few people even in these days of palmy extravagance and millionaire display have an adequate impression of the enormous cost of the great temple. According to Villalpandus, the "talents" of gold, silver and brass were equal to the enormous sum of £6,879,-822,000. The worth of the jewels is placed at a figure equally as high, says the Philadelphia Record.

The vessels of gold, according to Josephus, were valued at 140,000 talents, which, reduced to English money, was equal to $575,296,203. The vessels of silver, according to the same authority, were still more valuable, being set down as worth £646,344,000. Priests' vestments and the robes of singers, £2,010,000, and the trumpets, £200,000. To this add the expense of the building material, labor, etc., and some wonderful figures result. Ten thousand men hewing cedars, 60,000 bearers of burdens, 80,000 hewers of stone, overseers, all of whom were employed for seven years, and upon whom, beside their wages, Solomon bestowed £6,733,-970.

If their daily food was worth 50 cents, the sum total for all was £63,877,058 during the time of building. The materials in the rough are estimated as having been worth £2,545,337,000. This gives a total, just for this much of the expense, which by no means expresses the whole cost, of $10,719,760,261, or about £52,117,034,867.46.

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The Productive Power of the United States is Now in Evidence.

Michael G. Mulhall, F. S. S., in North American Review, writes: It appears that as regards quantity three Americans now export as much as five did 20 years ago, which suffices to show how groundless are the predictions of some writers who tell us that as population increases so the surplus products for exportation must diminish. In the last 20 years population has risen from 45,000,000 to 71,000,000 souls, an increase of 58 per cent., and at the same time the weight of exports has risen 175 per cent.; that is, three times as fast as population.

The quantities of food yearly exported are sufficient to feed 30,000,000 persons in Europe, from which it appears that American farms raise food for 100,000,000 people yearly. The western prairies are capable of carrying double the present number of live stock, or producing ten times as much grain as they do, so that, for at least a century to come, there is every probability that the exportation of food will increase with population. The same is true as regards cotton the crop having risen 125 per cent. in 20 years.

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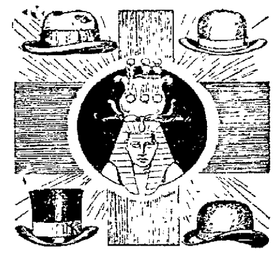

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—Hams 6c a pound at C. N. Preimore & Son's.
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—Slippers for holiday presents at The Hub.
—Come in the morning—Geo. B. Adams & Co.'s
—Persons interested in the estate of John B. and Robert Leemon.
—Special holiday sale at Chas. Wolff's Sons.
—X-mas gifts at W. D. Oliver's.
—Christmas goods at S. W. Millspaugh & Co.'s.
—Holiday presents at A. M. Ambler's
—Special sale on wrappers dolls, etc., at Hart Davis'.
—Diseases cured by the Koy phone mena, at the Casino, Dec. 21 and 22.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Bachelors' Club hop, to-night.
—"Out of Sight," at the Casino, this evening.
—"The Devil's Auction," at the Casino, next Monday evening.
—Hoffman Lodge confers the third degree on one candidate, to-night.
—Don't miss the Priscilla matinee at the Casino, to-morrow afternoon.
—Remember the farce comedy, "Out of Sight," at the Casino, this evening.
—The fellow who predicted an open winter is sure that he has the gift of prophecy.
—The commission in the Highland avenue extension meets to-morrow at the Council chambers.
—A number of Middletown people are invited to participate in a surprise party at Mount Hope, to-night.
—Columbia Engine Co. of Spring Valley, Rockland county has purchased a steamer from a Bayonne, N. J. company.
—The Goshen Vocal Society will meet the Middletown singers to rehearse "Messiah" at the M. E. Church lecture room, this evening.
—Ten horses valued at $9,000 perished in the fire which destroyed the barn on Thomas Kirkland's stock farm, near Stony Point, Monday night.
—Monhagen Hose Company will hold a special meeting, to-night, to act upon the proposition of the Temple Quartette to give an entertainment here.
—Work on Warwick's electric lighting system is being pushed rapidly and is affording employment to a number of men who but for this job would have been idle.
Get your seats reserved early at J. E. Mills' drug store for Vernon Brothers' entertainment. Only fifteen cents, rock bottom prices for a first class entertainment.
—Every one can afford to hear the little wonders, the Vernon Brothers. The price is only ten cents admission and fifteen including reserved seat. Chart at J. E. Mills' drug store.
—A Paterson silk manufacturer is conferring with Warwick's Board of Trade in regard to establishing a silk mill there. He wants a certain sum in cash which he will repay in five or ten years.
—They play. They sing. They recite. They whistle. They are the wonder of all who hear them. The Vernon Brothers are what we refer to. At the First Congregational Church, Tuesday evening, Dec. 21.
—Upon presentation of the scholar's ticket, and fifteen cents, any child under fifteen years of age may have its choice of the twenty-five cent seats, at the Priscilla matinee at the Casino, to-morrow afternoon.
—Charles H. Yale will present his "Devil's Auction" at the Casino, next Monday evening. When here before Mr. Yale was requested to repeat his play, and he has accordingly made arrangements for next Monday evening.
—Three little Vernon Brothers hold the attention of an audience of over 3,000 people at the Academy of Music, in New York city, and Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., says of them: "The people were enthusiastic over them and want them again." At the First Congregational Church, next Tuesday evening, Dec. 21.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Theo. Allen and children, of Monticello, are visiting in this city.
—County Clerk Geo. D. Fraser, of Monticello, as a guest of the Knights Templar degree at Port Jervis.
—Frank T. Chambers, of Middletown, has engaged to work in the drug store of S. Tighe over beginning on Monday.—*Warwick Advertiser.*
—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spaso and the latter's sister, Miss Stasie Elliston, of Greenville, are in this city on a visit to Albert E. Spaso, No. 158 North street.
—Charles Fair on visited his mother in Middletown Monday and Tuesday. Wm. Merritt, of Middletown, visited his parents at DeBruce Monday and Tuesday.—*Livingston Manor Ensign.*
—J. G. Herbert and Thomas Merritt, of New York, to spend Thursday night in this city among friends. "To-night takes a lot to good natured gallying from people who believe and positively that he had been elected an Assemblyman in New York city. The mistake was not unnatural for a Thomas J. Murray was elected to the Assembly but he happened to be a plasterer instead of a ball player and a successful brick-mixer.

The "Out of Sight" Company in Town.

The "Out of Sight" Company arrived in town this morning, twenty-one strong, from Port Jervis. Manager Kendel sent along the information that the play was very funny and had been given a return date.
The company's band gave a parade and concert on the square and is good.

Trading Stamps

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Christmas number of the *Sunday Forum*, out to-morrow, will contain letters to Santa Claus, written by prominent politicians. adv

HYMENEAL.

Ross—Rockefeller.

A brilliant gathering of friends and relatives assembled, Thursday evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rockefeller, near Scotchtown, to witness the marriage of their eldest daughter, Lillian, to Charles Abel Ross, of Chicago.
The house decorations were very attractive in design and were the admiration of all present. The bridal party were grouped before a bank of green, with bow-knots of white satin ribbon caught here and there, and a canopy of smilax over head.
Leading the bridal procession were two little flower girls, Miss Irene Comfort and Miss Marian Weller, of Brooklyn, N. Y. They were dressed alike in rose pink silk and carried baskets of pink carnations. Then came Miss Saidie Rockefeller, sister of the bride, as maid of honor, in white organdie and lace, carrying a large bouquet of pink La France roses. Following came the bride on the arm of her brother, Will Rockefeller, owing to her father's lameness. She was beautifully attired in white satin brocade, trimmed heavily in pearl and made with mil court train, with veil, and carrying a very large bouquet of bride roses. The Episcopal service was read by the Rev. Frederic Berg, pastor of the Reformed Church of Montgomery, N. Y.
The presents were very elegant and in great number. The gift of the groom was diamond earrings; from her father the bride received a gold watch and chain, and from her uncle, Wickham Rockefeller, a silver service. Among the presents were cut glass, rare china and an abundance of solid silver pieces. The gifts of the groom to the flower girls and maid of honor were gold enameled and pearl stick pins. The bride's gift to them were turquoise rings.
The groom is a very popular business man in Chicago, being the western manager of the Reid Ice Cream Company.
After a collation, served by Rowley, of Middletown, the bridal couple left on the 10:40 train for an extended trip through the South, after which they will make their home in Chicago.
The guests present from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ross, of Philadelphia; J. B. Bigleter, of Danville, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Comfort, Miss Irene Comfort, Sidney Greenlead, Mrs. Albert Cocksbaw, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Weller, Miss Marian Weller, Mr. and Mrs. W. Walsh, Mrs. Estelle Rockefeller, of Brooklyn; Mrs. J. T. Gibbs, Miss Anna E. Gibbs, of New York.

HARVEY WICKHAM'S ORGAN RECITAL

A Large and Appreciative Audience Listened to Fine Music at Grace Church, Last Evening.

Grace Church was crowded, last evening, to listen to what we believe we are right in saying was the first organ recital ever given in that edifice.
Harvey Wickham, the regular organist, after a few introductory prayers by Rector Evans, opened the programme with Bach's famous E minor prelude and fugue, which is said to have been the favorite composition of Mendelssohn.
He showed in this, as in all of his numbers, an easy mastery of difficulties presented. Throughout, his playing was extremely smooth and clear and at times rose to the level of actual virtuosity.
Number two was an adagio from one of Merkel's sonatas and then followed "Honor and Arms" from Samson. Interpreted by Dr. Martin, this composition was a treat never to be forgotten. He has a glorious voice, but is such a vocalist that the voice is forgotten in the method, and such an artist that the method is forgotten in the music.
Part one closed with a fairylike "Scherzo" by Hoffman.
Part two opened with a Christmas selection, "The Holy Child," by Shelley which was followed by Mendelssohn's sonata in C minor. This was perhaps the most noteworthy of all Mr. Wickham's numbers. Number seven was a dainty "Caprice" of the ultra modern school by Guilman. The favorite of the evening was undoubtedly "The Palms" "Kingdom," sung by Dr. Martin with great pathos and effect.
The programme closed after a brilliant improvisation with the overture to "The Crooning of the King," which was performed at the recent festival service and repeated on this occasion by request.

Attempted Burglary Tuesday Night

Burglars attempted to enter the residence of E. M. Hunkwell, No. 32 Linden avenue Tuesday night. They were heard at a side window and Mr. Hunkwell arose and lighted a lamp when the burglars fled away.

Valuable Dogs Poisoned.

A valuable dog belonging to John McLean, of Paterson, brother of the Misses McLean, milliners of North street, was poisoned, Tuesday.
Conductor A. H. Corwin's fox terrier was poisoned, Wednesday night.

A Boy's Leg Broken.

Robert, son of Hiram Ball, of near Otisville, sustained a compound fracture of the leg, Tuesday, by a tree falling on him.

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BURGLARS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Entrance Effected by Forcing Two Windows—Desks Ransacked Throughout the Building—No Clue to the Thieves

Another mysterious burglary occurred Thursday night, the High School building being the point of attack. When the police arrived on the scene, this morning, it was found that two windows were open on the first floor on the Little avenue side, in the room over which Miss Roosa presides. These windows are at least ten feet from the ground, and might have been used as a means of exit, but hardly of entrance.
Investigation throughout the building showed that every room and desk had been visited. There were traces of mud and tobacco about the floor, and indications that the intruders were men rather than boys.
The door to the women teachers' room had been pried open with a bar, but nothing was taken. A dictionary is missing from Miss Roosa's room, and fifty cents in change was taken from her desk. Miss Shafer's desk suffered to the extent of ten cents, and Miss Smith lost a silver watch. The sum of seventy cents, collected from scholars for defaced books, was also taken.
Of course there is no clue to the identity of the thieves.

PERILS OF LIFE IN PORT JERVIS

Wildcats Come Down Off the Mountains and Attack Defenseless Women.

A new peril has been added to life in the frontier village of Port Jervis. Residents of that place have become quite accustomed to having deer bound across their lawns, while to see a bear waddling through the streets don't scare them much, but now that wild cats have taken to coming down from Point Peter and Mount Washington, and have grown so bold that they attack women on their own doorsteps, it is thought time that "something was done," and a wildcat proof wire fence may be stretched around that part of the village most exposed to wildcat invasion.
Mrs. Minnie Hawkey, who lives on West Main street, Port Jervis, is the latest victim of the wild beasts that prowl about and swoop down on that unhappy town. She was on the terrace in the rear of her home, Wednesday night, when a large cat came down the mountain side, screeched, fastened its teeth in her hand and then disappeared. The wound was painful and Mrs. Hawkey will recover.
A few days before, a neighbor of Mrs. Hawkey was savagely attacked and bitten by a strange cat of enormous size, and has since been confined to her bed.
It is supposed that this was the same beast that attacked Mrs. Hawkey, and they and all their neighbors are "just sure" that the savage prowler was a wildcat.

THEY CRIED "SCAT"

How Wicked Patersonians Sought to Embarrass Evangelist Geil.

A Goshen clergyman while on his way to New York, Thursday morning, during the latter part of his journey heard the talk of two Paterson men who occupied the seat behind him and who were discussing Evangelist Geil and his methods. They were wondering how it came that at Mr. Geil's last meeting three cries of "Scat" came from different parts of the house. The Goshen preacher didn't volunteer any information but was quite sure that he could trace a connection between the word that puzzled the Patersonians and a little poem an ent Mr Geil that appeared in the Middletown Argus.

TRAMPS, LOOK OUT

Recorder Barnes Leads to Free This City of Beggar Tramps After January 1st.

Eleven tramps were quartered in the lockup, Thursday night, and released at 8:30 this morning to scrounge about the city for breakfast. They were in the room a hard looking lot.
Recorder Barnes announces that after January 1 any tramp caught begging about the city will be sent to the Albany Penitentiary for six months.

A Pastor's Pedigree.

Rev. W. Wilson, pastor of the Baptist Churches at Parksville and Debruce, tendered his resignation Sunday last to take effect Sunday, January 9, 1898.
For high office is assigned as the cause of his leaving this field. Rev. Wilson has many warm friends who regret to hear of his intended departure.

Surprised Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Acker.

About twenty-five friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Acker surprised them at their home, No. 14 Roberts street, Thursday night. Refreshments in generous quantities were brought along and a general good time followed.

Surprise Party at Thos. Fallon's.

Thos. J. Fallon and family were given a complete surprise, Thursday night, by a large party of friends, who met at their home on West Main street, at 9 p. m. Dancing was kept up until a late hour.

Clam Dinner at the Oriental.

E. B. Russell is giving a "harmony" clam dinner at the Oriental Hotel, this afternoon, to which half a hundred people received invitations.

A Hunting Party.

—D. Schmidt, Fred Yatto and William Cotter are on a hunting trip to-day, in the vicinity of Pine Bush.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Will Exchange Pulpits—Good Sale of Tickets—Will Collect Taxes—The Foresters' Ball.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—Rev. S. F. White will exchange pulpits, Sunday, with Rev. D. T. Travis, of Ellenville.
—Rev. R. B. Clark will exchange pulpits with Rev. Dr. Robinson, of Middletown, Sunday.
—Dikeman Hose Co.'s drama at Music Hall, Saturday, will be largely attended judging by the sale of seats.
—Beginning Tuesday, and on Tuesdays and Fridays thereafter, Collector H. P. Futhill will be at the Goshen National Bank for thirty days.
—The third annual ball of Court Goshen, Foresters of America, occurs next Wednesday evening at Samuel's Hall.

BEFORE THE RECORDER.

One Man Fined $25, Another $5 and a Third to Goshen Jail for Ten Days.

—John Ebner and his brother, Joseph, got into a wrangle in their plumbing shop on Wickham avenue, Thursday night, in the presence of their father. Word was telephoned to headquarters that an officer was wanted there and Officer Tyrell responded. He arrested John, and was leaving the shop when the prisoner hit him a terrific blow in the mouth. The officer landed him in the lockup and Recorder Barnes allowed him to spend the night in the jail. This morning Officer Tyrell declined unanimously, to make any complaint, save for intoxication, and Recorder Barnes fined Ebner $50 or six months in jail. Hereafter word reduced the fine to $25 and it was paid.
—Joseph Smith, a tramp, was sent to Goshen jail for ten days.
—A young man was fined $5 for breaking a glass door at the Standard Hotel.

FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Paul's Church.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Paul's Church held its regular meeting, Thursday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. I. B. A. Taylor, on West Main street.
The meeting was opened by singing the doxology, followed by responsive scripture reading and repetition of the Lord's prayer.
After the transaction of the regular business was favored with the programme arranged by Mrs. Isaman and Miss Smith, as follows:

Solo ..... Miss Pat ells
Reading—"The Story of Kate"..... Miss Sears
Reading—"Judith Earl's Bible Reader"..... Mrs. Whittaker.
Solo ..... Miss Pat ells
Reading—"A Mighty Miracle" ..... Miss Cooper
Duett ..... Mrs. Whittaker and Miss Skinner

A social hour during which refreshments were served was enjoyed by all.

NOVEL GAME CONTEST.

Great Fun Promised at Circleville, Saturday.

The Circleville Gun Club will have a grand day's hunt at Circleville, to-morrow. All gunners who desire to participate should be at Thomas Hennessey's hotel at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.
It is intended to choose sides and go into the woods in the vicinity for a day's hunt. Each participant pays $1 entrance money, and the side gets the most game the money is refunded. The losing side will pay for a supper to be served at Hennessey's in the evening. Game will count as follows: Foxes, five points; partridges, one; woodcock, one; rabbits, 1; grey squirrels, one.
Mr. Hennessey will present a box of cigars to the one securing the most individual points.

SHIRT SLEEVE WEATHER.

An Incident of Two Mild Winter Match ed by One of the Winter of 76 77.

George Ketchum having occasion to visit J. E. Campbell's South Side store last evening strolled over in his shirt sleeves. This is rather an unusual occurrence at this time of the year, but it was more than matched during the winter of 1876-77 when on New Years Day President of High and Lookout sat on the stoop in his shirt sleeves and read his paper which he was reclining at ease with to brush away the mosquitoes.

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Turf and Horse Notes.

—Among the purchasers of trotting horses at the Kellogg sale in Madison Square Garden, yesterday, was E. H. Harriman, who secured Mayne L, br. m., six years old, by Bayonne Prince—Emily H, by thoroughbred Sensation, for $300; also Charles H. Kerner, of Great Barrington, Mass., who bought Electra, b. m., seven years old, by Richard's Elector—Moor Maid, by The Moor, for $280.

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In Plainfield, Mass., yesterday, Judge Tucker decided that the trading stamp system is illegal, and fined a merchant for issuing such stamps. They were given out with purchases and represented certain rebate that could be used in future purchases from other merchants employing the system. This is the second time the scheme has been decided illegal.—New York Press.

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Hand painted Opal goods from 15c to $1.25 each. Vantine Crockery at less than cost. We are closing this line of goods and do not even ask cost.

Kid Gloves, Hosiery and Corsets are included in the list of good things for X Mas presents.

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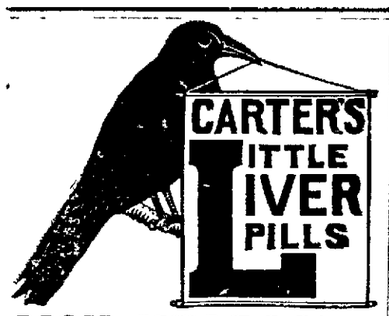

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One of the most important military appointments under the crown of England is that of the commander in chief of the army of India. Not only does it require for this position, says the Sketch, a man with the widest experience as a soldier, but he must also be a practical statesman and have an extensive personal knowledge of the country over which he is to watch. Unlike most of his brother commanders elsewhere, he must supervise native soldiers as well as the faithful and docile Tommy Atkins and instead of comparatively small areas of territory he is responsible for the control of a huge empire The four great army corps are scattered through enormous provinces which stretch from Cabul on the north to the Indian ocean on the south, and from Chamar on the west to the Burmo-Chinese border on the east; and he and his gigantic force must be in a constant state of readiness for sudden outbreaks in any direction

To this important post Sir William Lockhart has been appointed, and it would have been difficult to get a better man He is one of the most distinguished and experienced soldiers in India and he has started with a memorable record which only a few now on the active list can excel even outside their own army

Born in 1841, a son of Rev L Lockhart of Wickerstow, and Milton Lockhart Lanarkshire, he is a nephew of the biographer of Scott. He entered the army in 1858, and in the same year, at the age of 17 found himself serving in India with the Fifth fusileers In the Bhootan campaign of 1864-66 as adjutant of the Fourteenth Bengal lancers, a most responsible post in the field for a boy of 23 years of age, he received the medal and clasp. He served in the second Afghan war of 1879-80, first as road commandant in the Khyber and afterward as assistant quarter-

SIR WILLIAM LOCKHART.
(Commander of the British Army in India.)

master general to Sir F. Roberts. He was present at the operations round Kabul, including that never-to-be-forgotten investment of Sherpur, was mentioned in dispatches and received the C. B and a medal with clasp Subsequently he acted as chief of the staff with Sir Donald Stewart's force, and at the termination of the war was appointed to the "intelligence branch" at Simla.

In 1885 he was selected by Lord Dufferin to conduct a political mission to Gilgit, Chitral and the neighboring states In this enterprise Col. Lockhart proved himself as able a politician among orientals as a soldier, and he was highly complimented by the viceroy on his success. Col. Lockhart next took charge of the office of quartermaster general in India, but was soon afterward deputed to take command of a brigade in Burmah in the operations connected with and succeeding the overthrow and expatriation of King Thebaw and the annexation of his territory to the British empire He was mentioned in dispatches received the thanks of the government of India another war decoration and the K C B He subsequently became assistant military secretary to the duke of Cambridge and later was appointed to the command of the Punjab frontier force, during his tenure of which he conducted two expeditions against the Miranzais on the northwestern frontier, again receiving the thanks of his government three of the commander in chief and promotion to major general of distinguished service in the field.

In 1892 he commanded a successful punitive expedition against the Isazai tribe on the same frontier, and in 1894-5 he led a large force against the Waziris in consequence of their treacherous attack upon Wano under the leadership of Mulla Powindah He now commands politically and militarily, the troops operating beyond the Peshawar and Kohat borders He knows the whole frontier Sir William has been twice married, and his present wife is the daughter of Capt William Eeeles, of the Coldstream guards.

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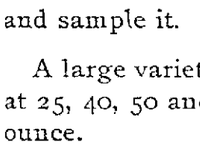

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The business of raising cranberries, says the Louisville Courier-Journal, is a peculiar one in all its aspects. It requires a special kind of ground, considerable capital and a vast deal of labor, and it is a special trade, more or less irregular in its returns, like all of its kind. It is the chief industry of two sections of this country, where nearly all the cranberries used in America and Europe are raised, and which it has transformed from waste bog lands into rich farming communities.

The land on which cranberries will flourish is seldom fit for anything else. In the state in which it is usually found it requires about $300 per acre to make it fit so that the transformation of a swamp into productive cranberry bog makes it a very valuable piece of property. The first requirement is a peat bottom. This is dressed by spreading over it a coating of seashore sand, into which the slips are stuck and left to grow at their own sweet will. In connection with the bog there should be an irrigating ditch or a reservoir, from which it can be flooded at any time. It requires several years to determine the worth of a march for producing cranberries, and the slowness of returns together with the amount of capital required have brought all the largest marshes into the control of stock companies.

It requires hand labor throughout to raise cranberries. The chief expense once the crop is started is the picking, which is largely performed by women and children, who receive from one to one and a half cents per quart for the work, and are able to earn from

FROZEN CRANBERRIES

(A Block Just from the Ice House.)

75 cents to one dollar per day through the season. The experienced picker works on her knees, unmindful of the wet moss which soaks her garments She thrusts her hands through the moss and vines, lifting up the whole mass and rapidly stripping off the berries with a dexterous movement acquired by much practice. The sight of a long line of men and women, half a hundred in a group, making their way on hands and knees across the level field is picturesque in the extreme, an effect heightened by the tattered and variegated attire of the workers.

As fast as the berries are gathered by the pickers they are measured out by the "boss," and unless they are to go at once to market are packed away in boxes for storage The packing is done in what is called "chaff" the moss and leaves picked up in the field, in boxes with slatted sides to allow a free circulation of the air In this way the berry "sweats" without decaying, and will keep for a long time.

When the berries are to be marketed they are screened The screen is like an old-fashioned fanning mill and serves the double purpose of removing the chaff and sorting the berries Beneath the hopper into which the berries are poured are a number of steps leading down like a flight of stairs with openings between them. The chaff is blown out at the side, and as the berries fall from the hopper they bound from one step to another until they reach the bottom, where they fall into receptacles placed there to receive them The hardest berries will bound more than the others, and run the whole course of the steps falling into the last box, while the softer ones drop through the nearer spaces, and in this way the berries are easily graded. The softer ones are shipped to the nearest markets for immediate sale, and the hardest ones are sent abroad or to distant points.

Cranberries are not injured by freezing, and so it is an easy matter to ship them in cold weather. They are often sent as far as Manitoba in ordinary open box cars When they arrive they are frozen into solid blocks of ice. The sides of the cases are knocked off, and the berries are exposed in a solid mass, like cakes of ice, except that they are much more beautiful from their rich red color. They are chipped off exactly like ice, and the citizen of Winnipeg is so accustomed to buying his cranberries en bloc that he doesn't mind in the least, though an easterner would probably object to taking them in that way, thinking, in his prejudiced mind, that the berries are spoiled.

Knife with 1,890 Blades.

The most remarkable knife in the world is that in the curiosity room of a firm of cutlers in Sheffield. It has 1,890 blades, and ten blades are added every ten years. Another curiosity is three pairs of scissors, all of which can be covered with a thimble.

SUPREME Court Orange county—Ida M. Koempel, plaintiff, against David C. Herring and Susan M Herring, his wife, defendants.

Under and by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure and sale, rendered in the above entitled action, at a Special Term of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held at the Supreme Court Chambers, in the city of Newburgh, on the sixth day of November 1897, and duly entered in the Orange County Clerk's office I the undersigned Referee, named by said judgment for such purpose duly appointed, will expose for sale and sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Russell House, a public hotel on James street, in the city of Middletown, Orange county, New York, on the 29th day of December, 1897, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, the lands and premises in said judgment directed to be sold, bounded and described as follows:

All that tract or parcel of land situate in the Town of Crawford, County of Orange, and State of New York, viz Beginning at the corner in the line of the lands of the heirs of John Martin nine links on an east course, from a white maple tree marked, from thence runs along the lands of Lawrence Low, Minton Barkley and Milton Bookstaver to a corner in the line of the lands of James R. Thompson, north 15 degrees east forty-eight chains and eighty-eight links, thence along said Thompson's lands north forty-five degrees west eighteen chains and two links to a stone set; thence south thirty seven degrees and thirty minutes west fourteen chains and forty links; thence south thirty-nine degrees and fifteen minutes west ten chains and sixty four links; thence south forty-three degrees west five chains and seventy-four links to the centre of the public highway, thence along the centre of the same north forty-six degrees and thirty minutes west five chains and forty eight links; thence south fifty-two degrees and thirty minutes west four chains and sixty-five links thence south forty-nine degrees fifteen minutes west fourteen chains and two links to the lands of the heirs of John Martin, thence along the same south forty-six degrees east seventy-one chains and eighty links to the place of beginning, containing eighty eight and 50-100 acres of land, being the same premises this day conveyed to the party of the first part hereto and these presents are given to secure a portion of the consideration expressed in the said conveyance

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IN Pursuance of an order of the Surrogate of the county of Orange, notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims against the estate of Elizabeth Jane Wickham, late of the city of Middletown, in said county, deceased, that they are required to present the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, the executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, at the First National Bank, in the city of Middletown, on or before the first day of February, 1898.

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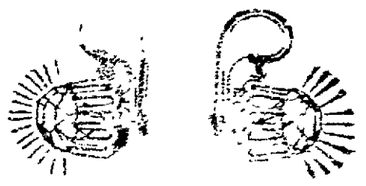

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Jack—Who's the lucky fellow?

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The Husband—I've noticed, dear, the little thing grows more like you every day.—Yonkers Statesman.

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27—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
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214—Prospect street and Highland avenue.
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37—Mulberry and Fulton streets.
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41—Fulton street and East avenue.
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43—East Main street and Railroad avenue.
45—East Main street, foot of Orchard street.
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for old iron, cast and wrought iron, copper brass, zinc, lead, tin foil, and all kinds of old metal, all kinds of furs, including dog, cat and rabbit skins, dry bones and rubber and other junk; also second-hand machinery, boilers and engines, including shafting, pulleys, pipin, bought and sold at 125 Fulton street.

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The property of S. F. Todd, 54 East avenue. Dwelling contains 13 rooms, with all modern improvements, including steam heat. Good barn and carriage house. Large yard and abundance of fruit. Easy terms.

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MIDDLETOWN TIME TABLES.

Erie Railroad Co.

Trains leave from Middletown Stations, beginning Nov. 28, 1897, and continuing until further notice, as follows:

Trains marked with * run daily. Trains Nos 601, 625, 606, 617, 620 and run Sundays only. All other trains daily except Sunday. †Train Nos. 1 & 5 will stop only for passengers for Binghamton or west thereof—due notification must be given at the ticket office. Trains with the following letters affixed indicate connection, viz.: "G" with Newburg Branch via Greycourt; "T" with Newburg Short-cut Branch via Turners; "A" with Newburgh short cut via Arden. "M" with Montgomery Branch, and "P" with Pine Island Branch

GOING EAST.

Nos	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 12 Chicago Ex.	4 .9 a.m.	
* 10 New York Special	5.01 "	
26 Middletown Way	6.30 "	... 6.32 a.m
16 Orange Co. Ex., G.M.	7.10 "	... 7.12 "
23 Mountain Ex., T	8.23 "	... 8.25 "
38 Del. Val. Ex. (M.P.G.)	10.48 "	
* 6 W. Mail, (G.'exc'pt Su)	12.55 p.m.	...12 57 p.m
30 Way, A. M. P. G.	4.10 "	...4.12 "
* 2 C. & G. T. Ex. "A"	5.00 "	
* 8 C. & St. L. Limited,	5.55 "	
22 P. J. Local T.	7 26 "	...7,28
* 14 Wells Fargo Express	10 40 "	
606 P. J. Local (Sun only) M. P. and G. T.	8.23 a.m.	
620 P. J. Local (Su only) "G"	5 08 p.m.	
18 Milk (Sunday only)	6 55 p.m.	

GOING WEST

Nos	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
* 17 Milk	6.47 a.m.	
21 Port Jervis Way	10.36 "	....10.32 a.m
* 1 Day Express	†10.56 "	
9 Corning Express	11.25 "	
11 Port Jervis Local	1.04 p.m.	.... 1.01 p.m
33 Port Jervis Exp.	3.40 "	.... 3.37 "
†* 5 C. & St. L. Exp.	4.16 "	
27 Mountain Exp.	5.42 "	.... 5.38 "
15 Orange Co. Exp.	6.46 "	.... 6.41 "
25 Middletown Way at	8.05 "	.... 8.03 "
* 7 C. & G. T. Exp.	9.34 "	
29 Way	9.13 "	
* 3 Chicago Exp.	11.12 "	
601 Sunday Local	10 38 a.m.	
625 P. J. Way (Sun only)	3.08 p.m.	
617 " " "	10 29 "	

Passenger trains for Middletown leave foot of Chamber street, New York, at *4.00, 7.45, 9.15, 10.30 a.m.; 1.00, 3.30, 4.30, 5.30, 6.30, *7.30, *8.45 p.m. Also additional Sunday trains at 7.45 a.m. 12.30 and 7.30 p.m.

Crawford Branch.

GOING NORTH.

No	Leave for	James St. Sta.	Main St. Sta
101	Pine Bush Mail	11 36 a.m.	11.40 a.m
*115	" " "		6.55 p.m
601	Sun only	11 00	11.10 a.m

COMING SOUTH

*128	Arrive from Pine Bush	8.16 a.m
*130	" " " "	5.40 pm

N. Y., O. & W. R. R.

NORTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot, Middletown as follows:

No. 9 First Milk	7.40 a.m
No. 11 Second Milk	8 45 a.m.
No. 1 Ontario Express	10.53 a.m
No. 7 Sullivan County Express	5 15 p.m
No. 5 Pacific Express	8 45 p.m
No. 21 Local	11.00 a.m

SOUTH.

Trains leave Wickham avenue depot for New York as follows:

No. 8 Mountain Express	8.10 a.m
No. 22 Local	2.20 p.m
No. 2 New York Express	4.30 p.m
No. 12 First Milk	6.20 p.m
No. 10 Second Milk	7.35 p.m
No. 6 Atlantic Express	6.48 p.m

Trains leave New York at 8.10 and 7.40 a.m., 2.00 and 6.00 p.m.

J. C. ANDERSON, Pass. Agt.

N. Y., S. & W. R. R.

In effect Nov 25th, '97.

NORTH

New York Ferries	Daily a m	Daily ex Sun p m	Sun p m
West 23d St	8 10	....	4 50
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	8 30	....	4 10
Jersey City	8 46	....	4 5
Hackensack	9 14	.....	4 50
Paterson, (Broadway)	9 26	.....	5 02
Paterson	9 29	.....	5 04
Two Bridges	10 55	2 56	6 30
Ordensburg	11 07	3 05	6 40
Franklin	11 12	3 15	6 44
Hamburg	11 29	3 25	6 56
Deckertown	11 38	3 40	7 05
Quarryville	11 36	3 52	7 10
Unionville	12 44	4 04	7 18
Westtown	11 48	4 15	7 24
Johnson	11 55	4 27	7 29
Slate Hill	12 00	4 37	7 34
Middletown	12 12	4 50	7 45

SOUTH.

	Daily ex Sun a m	Daily a m
Middletown	6 30	7 12
Slate Hill	6 42	7 27
Johnson	6 48	7 35
Westtown	6 53	7 43
Unionville	6 59	7 55
Quarryville	7 06	8 07
Deckertown	7 14	8 30
Hamburg	7 22	8 46
Franklin Junction	7 37	.....
Franklin	7 39	8 56
Ogdensburg	7 34	9 06
Two Bridges	7 51	9 25
Paterson City	8 03	9 40
Paterson (Broadway)	8 05	10 36
Hackensack	9 36	10 47
Jersey City	9 38	11 12
New York Ferries—		
Cortlandt and Desbrosses St.	9 53	11 23
West 23d street	10 15	11 46

†—Stop on signal

The Great Food Digester.

S. Grover Graham's Dyspepsia Cure is having a very unusual sale, because of its unusual merit. For sale by

F. M. PRONK

Beware of Imitations

LEA & PERRINS' The Original & Genuine Worcestershire SAUCE

JOHN DUNCAN'S SONS, AGENTS, NEW YORK.

FOR SALE!

Very desirable House and Lot on Linden Terrace, fine property on Orchard street, choice Building Lots on Bennett Hill. Other well located properties.

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Solid trains between New York and Chicago, via Chautauqua Lake or Niagara Falls. Pullman cars between New York and Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Chautauqua Lake, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Chicago.

TIME TABLE ADOPTED NOV. 28, '97.

Eastern Time.	S. Spec 617	S. Spec 625	S. Spec 601	8	7	29	25	5	33	11	9	1	21	17	12	10	26	16	28	38	6	30	2	22	14	S. Spec 606	S. Spec 620	Sun 18
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Lv. Paterson		8.38			9.03																							
Arr. Monroe		9.53			10.32																							
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Arr. Greycourt		10.11																										
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Arr. Chester		10.22																										
Arr. Goshen		10.38			9.21	10.55																						
Arr. Middletown		10.46			9.34	11.12																						
Lv. Middletown		10.56																										
Arr. Howells		11.12																										
Arr. Otisville		11.20†	8.50																									
Arr. Port Jervis		11.10	8.28																									
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Lv. Cent. Pine																												
Ar.																												

*Daily. †Sundays only. ‡Except Sunday. b. Stops for passengers to Binghamton and beyond.

Middletown & Crawford Branch—Leave Main St., Middletown, for Pine Bush at 11:40 a. m., daily except Sunday; 11:10 a. m., Sundays only, and 6:55 p. m. daily.

Montgomery Branch—Leave Goshen for Montgomery at 7:27 a. m., daily except Sunday; 11:20 a. m. and 5:28 p. m., daily except Sunday; 10:55 Sunday only.

Pine Island Branch—Leave Goshen for Pine Island at 11:20 a. m. and 6:35 p. m. daily except Sunday; 10:55 Sunday only. Leave Goshen for Deckertown 8:45 a. m. and 6:35 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Newburgh, via Turners—Leave Turners for Newburgh at 7:35 a. m., daily, except Sunday; 10:53 a. m., daily except Sunday; 9:00 p. m. daily; 10:30 a. m., Sunday only. Train 30 and 2 connects for Newburgh via Arden, instead of Turners.

Newburgh, via Greycourt—Leave Greycourt at 7:45 a. m., daily except Sunday, 11:10 a. m., daily, except Sunday; 1:23 and 6:20 p. m. daily, except Sunday; 10:45 a. m. and 5:37 p. m., Sunday only.

Trains Nos. 6, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 33 and Sunday Specials 601, 617, 625 stop at Main street, Middletown.

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ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

In Capt. Totten's window, Wednesday night, were a half dozen partridges which the captain exhibited along side of a huge dish of baked beans. Many lovers of this particular game bird stopped and looked longingly at them, asked the price, sighed and went on.

But the one who sighed hardest and looked longest into the window was a little girl, and as she walked away she remarked: "How I wish I had some of those beans."

Apropos of the above "Ligo," who is "Ben's" first lieutenant, tells of his being in Sullivan county with "Lev" Hoyt. They were riding to the fishing grounds with a native boy. Mr. Hoyt pretended that he did not know anything about trout, and the boy enlightened him:

"Oh, yes sir, trout is fine; they're most as good as ham when they're cooked right."

One of the largest show windows on West Main street announces "musical" instruments. The average sign painter is a wonder.

Middletown's business streets have taken on a metropolitan air. The walks are crowded from building line to curb each afternoon and evening, and one who would hasten finds the streets real Broadways in one sense and any thing but broad ways in another.

"People do not dress as well as they used to," said a tailor, Thursday night. "People are wearing a cheap, ready-made grade of clothing such as they'd have passed by three years ago. A single breasted coat buttoned up tight has taken the place of the four-button cutaway and doesn't look half as well."

The merchants of this city are certainly to be commended for the complete and modern stock displayed at this, the greatest of all shopping times. The windows are dressed attractively, the finest goods being shown to the very best advantage.

Walk around and look at them and don't spend all your money in the first store that you visit. Circulate and see what there really is.

Judge Beattie sentenced the prisoners brought before him, Wednesday afternoon, in the kindliest manner imaginable. The men were brought in by constables or deputies and lined up before the court. District Attorney Powelson moved for the sentence of each, and County Clerk Taggart took a record of them. Nearly all braced up enough to ask the Judge to be lenient, and promised to do better in future. Five owned up to single blessedness, while having sorrowing widowed mothers in various parts of the country worrying over the unexplained absence of their boys.

Among the men brought before Judge Beattie were William and George Reid, father and son, aged fifty four and eighteen. They are tramps who were caught in the camp at Port Jervis, where two men had just arrived after breaking into an Erie car. They were held as witnesses. The old man thought the boy might get work in New York, and the court ordered their fares paid to that city.

A curious coincidence occurred this week in the Millspaugh family. About two years ago, Thomas, a brother of William Millspaugh, of this city, was taken ill. The secretary of the Williamsport Machine Company wrote the brother here that Thomas was sick but nothing serious was anticipated. The next day a dispatch came that he was dead, followed several hours later by a letter which stated that his illness was becoming dangerous, and asking Mr. Millspaugh to come on.

Wednesday a letter came from the secretary of the company saying that the reason John had not come here to visit was that a slight cold detained him, but that nothing serious was anticipated.

Mr. Millspaugh remarked to his son, George, that the case seemed wonderfully like Thomas' and that he would go to Williamsport. Before train time a dispatch came that John was dead. William went to Williamsport and the first mail after his departure brought word that John was attacked with pneumonia, and asked that William come to his bedside.

NORTH STREET CHURCH BAZAAR

Last Night's New England Supper a Success—To Close To-night.

The New England supper and bazaar at the North Street Church, last night, was a decided success. The church was full and many appreciative words were said concerning the supper and entertainment. To-night will close the bazaar. An ample collation of oysters, etc., will be served by the ladies and an auction sale will dispose of the articles unsold.

The programme for to-night is as follows.

Banjo Solo	Mr. Bakewell
Reading	Miss Myrtle Morgan
Duet	Mr. Brown and Mrs. Lyon
Dialogue	
Musical Bells	Mr. Conklin
Reading	Rev. Mr. Norris
Music	

Trading Stamps

Are as good as gold, Weller & Demerest, 3 W. Main St. 22d1t

Just try a 10c. box of Cascarets, the finest liver and bowel regulator ever made.

AN OPEN LETTER

From Miss Sachner, of Columbus, O., to Ailing Women.

To all women who are ill:—It affords me great pleasure to tell you of the benefit I have derived from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I can hardly find words to express my gratitude for the boon given to suffering women in that excellent remedy. Before taking the Compound I was thin, sallow, and nervous. I was troubled with leucorrhœa, and my menstrual periods were very irregular. I tried three physicians and gradually grew worse. About a year ago I was advised by a friend to try Mrs. Pinkham's Sanative Wash and Vegetable Compound, which I did. After using three bottles of the Vegetable Compound and one package of Sanative Wash, I am now enjoying better health than I ever did, and attribute the same to your wonderful remedies. I cannot find words to express what a Godsend they have been to me.

Whenever I begin to feel nervous and ill, I know I have a never-failing physician at hand. It would afford me pleasure to know that my words had directed some suffering sister to health and strength through those most excellent remedies.—Miss MAY SACHNER, 1483½ E. Rich St., Columbus, O.

FIRST WOMEN TO CROSS.

Brides of Two Missionaries Made the Trip Before Fremont.

In the Ladies' Home Journal George Ludington Weed writes of "When Dr. Whitman Added Three Stars to Our Flag," and shows conclusively that a party of five people, including two women, crossed the Rocky mountains at South pass in 1836, six years prior to Fremont's crossing. Concerning this interesting historical incident Mr. Weed writes: "The first wedding tour across the continent was in 1836. There were two couples, Marcus Whitman, M. D., and Rev. H. H. Spaulding and their brides. They made the journey of 3,500 miles, occupying seven months, in a wagon, the first to cross the continent. Dr. Whitman, having visited the region before, was guide to the new home in Oregon. He was the first to make known its value to the United States. South pass is reached," writes Mr. Weed of the famous journey, "the highest plateau, the divide of the continent. In the pass the traveler reads the inscription: 'Fremont, 1842.' All honor due to the 'Pathfinder,' but also to the two heroines who had gone through six years before his claimed discovery. Let another inscription read: 'Mrs. Whitman and Mrs. Spaulding, 1836.'

"It is the Fourth of July. The party pauses in its journey. Patriotic words are spoken as the Bible and flag are taken from the wagon. The one is laid on a blanket spread upon the grass; the other is raised over all. The kneeling company offers prayer and praise and reverently takes possession of the region beyond 'in the name of God and of the United States.' The only human witnesses to the scene are the two Nez Perce lads who witnessed the Whitman wedding ceremony at Angelica, N. Y., immediately preceding the start for Oregon."

BOVINE MORALS CORRUPTED.

Catskill Cows Taught by Deer to Leap Fences.

Ever since the deer were released from the State park in the Catskill mountains several years ago they have been more or less of a nuisance. The law prohibits the deer from being shot for five years and game protectors are kept busy at a large cost looking after legion violations of this law, says an exchange.

In the State park the herd of deer was tired for and fed so long that the animals became quite tame. When they were liberated from the park they had to be driven away to get rid of them. Then the large herd soon separated, and the deer became lonely and sought the society of the cows on the surrounding farms.

Ever since the liberation of the deer farmers throughout the Catskills have complained that the deer, by their free and easy manner of leaping fences, have taught their cows bad habits. The cows, always tame and easily confined, have learned from association with the deer how to leap fences and cannot now be kept in pastures by any ordinary fence.

Notwithstanding that the Catskill deer are a nuisance, the farmers dare not use violence toward them, being restrained by the law.

A Comment.

"I will say," remarked Willie Wishington, "that I have attained remarkable self-control."

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne, listlessly; "some people seem to have a positive genius for attending to the trifling details of life."—Washington Star.

Its Worst Form.

"My daughter has been troubled with catarrh since she was four years old. She had the disease in its worst form and took medicines with no permanent relief. She finally began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills and after a while the disagreeable symptoms entirely disappeared." M. W. SHELBY, Hartland, N. Y.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver tonic. Gentle, reliable, sure

Marriage Customs.

"That is a curious custom they have in some of the South Sea islands," said Mr. Wallace, "of marrying a girl to a tree or some inanimate object, which is supposed to act as a sort of scapegoat for the shortcomings of the real live husband."

"It is not absolutely unique," said Mrs. Wallace, "for a woman in this country to be married to a stick."

But Mr. Wallace, with the calm superiority of the masculine mind, refused to deem it a personal matter.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Heroism Pure and Simple.

The Wife—You say there is no such thing as love?

The Husband—I begin to think so.

"And yet you married me, a poor woman, with what you are pleased to call an ungovernable temper; what do you call that?"

"I should call that heroism."—Yonkers Statesman.

DO NOT FORGET Our Special Holiday Sale! NOW ON and for the balance of this month.

Step in and See How Cheap we are selling Overcoats, Ulsters, Reefers, Suits, Odd Pants, etc., for men's and boys' wear.

You Will Be Surprised

Now is a good time to

Select Your HOLIDAY PRESENTS!

Hats, Caps, Neckwear, UNDERWEAR, MUFFLERS, Hosiery, Cardigans, SWEATERS, LEATHER COATS, Gloves, Mitts, Umbrellas, Mackintoshes, etc.

Prices Never So Low.

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Free Courtesy to Our Customers

We take great pleasure in showing our complete stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry Opera Glasses, etc, in the latest designs and patterns of the most reliable manufacture. Also we have some thing that will please the eye and pocketbook in the line of Silver Novelties, Toilet Sets, Cut Glass Jars, Gold Pens, Pocketbooks and hundreds of articles which we can show you better than tell about.

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$1.60 A Bushel Finest Marrow Beans.

J. W. SLOAT, 15-17 East Main St.

DISSOLUTION—On the first day of December, 1897, the firm of Thomas C and Fred C. Royce, Dentists, Middletown, N. Y., was dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by Dr. Thomas C Royce, who will be assisted by Dr. A. Freeman Foote, late of Brooklyn, N. Y. Dr. Foote is making a specialty of operative dentistry and is familiar with the application of electricity in its use for ameliorating pain attending dental operations. Crown and bridge work and dentistry in all its branches will receive prompt and careful attention at this office, corner of Main and South streets, over National Express Co.'s office.
15d&wtf THOMAS C. ROYCE.

Cottage Hotel Entertainments.

WEEK OF DEC. 13.

Matinees at 3. Evenings at 8.

Florence Hudson and Lily Adams, lady song artists, Paddy Maher Irish comedian, song and dance artist; Marie Girard, character change artist. Performance at 8 p. m. Dance every Thursday evening from 10 to 1

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

ALL Members of Wallkill Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., are requested to meet at lodge rooms, Thursday evening, Dec. 16th, as business of importance is to be transacted. By order of Council.
22d2t CHAS. E. DEKER, R. S.

MILLINERY Business for sale cheap. Full particulars by addressing
20d6t A. B. ARGUS office.

FIRST Floor to let at No. 10 West Main street, suitable for dressmaking, milliner or offices.
151tf Address Box 65, Goshen.

THE MISSES PORTER will sell their household furniture at the school building, No 66 East Main street every day from 3:30 to 5 o'clock p. m., until all but the school furniture is disposed of. 22d1f

CHRISTMAS HATS—What would gladden the heart of wife or child more than the gift of a pretty hat Christmas? Our stock is large and beautiful, and we are going to put them at so low a figure that every one can afford to buy. Special low prices on ribbons for fancy work. Look at our stamped linens and silks.
50d&wtf MRS. BUSH, 144 North street.

THE People of the State of New York to all persons interested in the estate of John B. Leemon and Robert J. Le mon, assigned to Robert Lemon for the benefit of creditors, send greeting:

You and each of you are hereby cited and required personally to be and appear at a term of the County Court of the County of Orange to be held at the Court House in the village of Goshen, Orange county, N. Y., on the 15th day of January, 1898, at ten o'clock a. m., there and then to show cause why a final settlement of the accounts of Robert Lemon, assignee of the above named John B. Leemon and Robert J. Leemon, insolvent debtors, should not be had, and if no cause be shown, then to attend the final settlement of the assignee's accounts.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto caused the seal of the said court to be affixed. Witness, Hon. John J. Beattie, County Judge of Orange county, the 14th day of December, 1897.

[L. S.] W. G. TAGGART, Clerk.

M. J. DONOVAN, Attorney for Assignee, Low Building, Middletown, N. Y. dFri.Jan14

S. W. MILLSPAUGH & CO.

CHRISTMAS GOODS!

Books, Fancy Calendars, Toys, Bibles, Albums, Silver and Celluloid Fancy Articles.

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6c a Pound FOR California Hams.

40c. for 25 Pounds Buckwheat Flour.

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PERFUMES in Bulk—Woodworth's best triple extracts, Violets of Sicily, Blue Lilies, Jockey Club, Musk, Lily of the Valley, Crab Apple Blossom, Frangipanni, White Rose, Stephanotis, Heliotrope, etc. We'll be pleased to show them to you.
CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from post office.

A SPLENDID Line of elegant Sachet Powder (for the ladies' use in making Christmas gifts, composed of trailing arbutus, white rose, heliotrope, violet blue lilies, frangipanni, jockey club etc, at
CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

CHOICE PERFUMES make desirable Christmas gifts for young and old, but get GOOD. There is any quantity of cheap, trashy stuff offered in dry goods and bargain stores. We will be pleased to show you our line of really fine perfumes, ranging in price from 25c to $2.50. Call in and see them at
CHAMBERS' Postoffice Pharmacy, 57 North street, second door from postoffice.

HONEY Delivered C. O. D.—Five pound pail, pure extracted, 50c. Order by phone or postal at Belding's Flower Store or house, Cottage street
d'30,7,14,21 CHESTER BELDING.

FINE Christmas Presents—Old violins $2 and $5, mandolins $1 to $3, banjos $2 to $3, and extra fine zither and case, 52 strings, only $5 50, seldom get such a fine instrument.
EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street

LOWER Part of house, 69 East avenue; lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street, lower part of house, with barn, 203 East Main street, for rent.
Enquire of P. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, or corner East Ave and Fulton St. 7sdtf

WANTED on Bond and Mortgage—$2,500, 5 per cent., security worth $8,000, in this city; also $1,500 wanted, 6 per cent.
MERRILL & BURKE, Attorneys, No. 57 North street. dtf

LADIES' and Gents' Suits and overcoats cleaned, dyed and pressed, gloves cleaned, ostrich plumes cleaned, dyed and curled.
86d3mFeb2 J. A. AUSTIN, 93 Wickham Ave

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargains in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monhagen avenue. 7-dly0c23,95

FOR RENT—Double house, No. 14 Beattie avenue, arranged for two families, city water. Barn if wanted. Low rent, desirable location.
11dtf F. C. EVERSON, 150 East Main street

THERE are many new designs in Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc., for the season of '97-'98. Call and examine them at A. M. AMBLER'S, 50 North street, next to Press office. Repairing a specialty at short notice and all work guaranteed. Engraving of all goods purchased free of charge. See other adv

COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

State and County Tax.

Notice is hereby given, as required by statute, to the taxable inhabitants of the city of Middletown, N. Y., that the undersigned Collector of Taxes, in and for said city, has received the warrant for the collection of State and County Taxes for the current year, and will attend at the City Clerk's office, Room No 2, Times Building corner of King and Center streets, on each working day of the week (Saturday afternoons and holidays excepted), for thirty days from Dec. 17th, 1897, until Jan. 22d, 1898, from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving payment of said taxes.

E. M. HAMILTON, Collector.
Dated Middletown, N. Y., Dec 16 h, 1897.
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WANTED—Ladies to remember that you swore off on having your shoes repaired with nails. It makes them stiff and heavy. CRAIG sews on the soles, which makes your shoes feel flexible. The cost is no more.

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FOR MEN.

Silk Initial Handkerchiefs	25, 39c
Linen Initial Handkerchiefs	25c
Pure Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs	15, 19c
Black Cashmere Socks	25c
Close Roll Umbrellas	$1.29 to $2.48
Oxidized Match Safes	25c
Traveling Cases	75c to $3.50
Collar and Cuff Boxes	89c up
Necktie Boxes	69c up
Calendar and Letter Boxes	48c
Glass Paper Weights	19c up
Wood and Silver Wells	19c up
Postage Stamp Boxes	29c
Paper Cutters	25, 39c
Paper Calendars	10c up
Pocket Scissors	25c
Brush Brooms, silver tipped	19, 25c
Match Trays	10 to 69c
Cigar Cutter and Ash Receiver	$1.48
Cigar Sets	10, 25, 48c
Match Trays	19c
Playing Cards	39, 48c
Bag Tags	25, 48c
Umbrella Fasteners	19c
Wood Ink Wells	25c to $1.19
½ doz. pair Fine Cotton Hose	$1.00
Leather Cigar Cases	39, 48c
Raphael Tuck Calendars	19c up
Silver Overcoat Holders	48c
Fine Hair Brushes	25 to 68c
Nail Files	25, 48c
Toothpick Holders	10c
Holiday Box Soap and Perfume	39, 49c
Night Shirts	49, 69c
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Smoking Sets	25, 48c
Men's Suspenders 15c., 2 for	25c
Fine Undershirts and Drawers	75, 98c
Whist Markers	48c

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Tin Trumpets	5, 10, 15, 25c
Circle Railways	48, 98c., $1.48
Large Box Paints	10c
Toy Sad Irons	5, 10, 15, 25c
Magic Lanterns	18c to $1.98
Doll Houses	48, 98c
Doll Swings	15, 25c
Toy Guns	10c
Electric Fountains	48c
Magic Boxes	48c
Drums	19c up
Christmas Tree Candles	10c a box
Marble Arch	15c
Punch and Judy	25c
Black Boards	19 up
Drawing Slates	5, 10c
Targets	5, 10c
Iron Horse and Sulrey	25c
Wood Carts	10c up
Iron Carts	25c up
Juvenile Books	5 to 48c
Toy Dishes	5 to 98c
Iron Trains	19c to $2 98
Mechanical Engine	48c
Iron Ranges	25c to $1 48
Iron Banks	10 to 98c
Iron Boats	25, 48c
Crandell's Treasure Box	48c
Toy Tool Chests	25, 98c
Harmonicas	5, 10, 15c
Rubber Balls	10, 15, 25c
Ten Pins	10, 25 48 69c
Hair Horses	19c to $1 25
Noah Arks	25 to 98c
Toy Laundry Sets	15c
Toy Forts	25c to $2 98
Tin Stoves	10 to 48c
Musical Tops	5, 10, 15, 25c
Blocks, all kinds	5 to 48c
Games, 50 kinds	5c up
Toy Accordeons	25c
Soldier Sets	25, 48, 98c
Knit Dolls	5, 10, 25, 39c
Kid Body Dolls, special	15, 25, 48c
Dressed Dolls, special	15, 33, 69c
Doll Trunks	39 to 98c
Doll Cradles	25, 48c

FOR WOMEN.

Sterling Silver Paper Cutters	25, 50c
Sterling Silver Nail Files	25, 48c
Sterling Silver Cuticle	25, 50c
Sterling Silver Scissors	75c
Sterling Silver Stocking Darners	48c
Sterling Silver Pen Knife	25c
Sterling Silver Book Marks	25c
Hand Mirrors	10, 15, 19, 48, 69, 98c
Silver Top Puff Boxes	48c
Bohemian Puff and Jewel Boxes	69, 98c., $1.19
Hat Brushes	19, 48c
Dressing Sets, brush, comb and mirror,	98c, $1.19, $1.48, $1.68
Silver Ink Wells	19, 25, 48c
Silver Jewel Boxes	15, 98c
Postage Stamp and Pen Boxes	19, 25c
Raphael Tuck & Son's Fine Booklets and Calendars	5c up
Fine Umbrellas	$1.48, $1 98, $2 48
Picture Frames	19, 25, 39c
Special Jardeniers	10, 25, 39, 49, 79c
Fine Holiday Perfumes	25, 39, 49c
Prepared Palms	95c., $1.15
Candle Sticks, with Candles	19, 25c
Nickle Nut Picks	10c a set
Nut Picks and Cracker	25, 39, 48c
Fine Box Papers	15, 25, 49c
Silver Novelty Lamps	25c
Glass Night Lamps, with 5 oz. lemon or vanilla extract	25c
Special Hair Brushes	25, 39, 48, 68c
Handsome Underskirts	98c to $1.98
Pretty Dressing Sacques	98c to $1.48
Handsome Wrappers	98c., $1.48
Special White Aprons	25, 48c
Elegant Silk Waist Patterns, 5 yds., all linings	$4.98
Handsome Dress Patterns, all linings	$4 98, $5 98, $6.98
Fine Pocketbooks	25, 48c
Special Handkerchiefs	10, 15, 25, 48c

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